

Annex to Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy – COVID-19
Implemented June 2020 for partial reopening of the school
Updated September 2020 for full opening of the school



Aim:

The aim of this annex to the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy is to ensure that safeguarding our children remains the highest priority during this time of change, and that our school continues to be a safe place for children.

As all children return to school, our fundamental safeguarding principles remain the same:

- The best interests of children must always continue to come first;
- If anyone in our school has a safeguarding concern about any child, they should continue to act, and act immediately;
- A DSL or DDSL should always be available;
- It is essential that unsuitable people are not allowed to enter the children’s workforce and/or gain access to children;
- Children should continue to be protected when they are online.

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Policy:

- Staff may have new safeguarding concerns about individual children as we see them in person on their return to school after our partial closure.
- Any concerns should be referred immediately to the DSL or DDSLs using the referral form at the end of this annex.
- It is crucial that all members of staff act immediately on any concerns.
- Parents and carers will be asked to inform us of any changes regarding health, welfare and wellbeing before their child returns. This information will be shared as appropriate, on a need to know basis.
- Any concerns about a staff member or volunteer who may pose a safeguarding risk should be reported to the Headteacher/DSL or Chair of Governors in the same way as at any other time.
- We will continue to regularly contact any of our vulnerable children who are not attending school to check on their welfare and wellbeing.
- We will continue to work with social workers and all other safeguarding and welfare partners.
- A trained DSL or DDSL (training is to the same level) will be on site at all times. Should for exceptional reasons, this not be the case, staff should use the personal mobile number of the DSL or DDSLs to contact them as a priority.
- We will consider and respond to any challenges that face us as children return within the context of safeguarding and child protection.
- Any recruitment undertaken during this period will adhere to safer recruitment guidelines; a member of staff who has completed safer recruitment training will be actively involved across each interview process.
- We will continue to provide home learning for children who remain at home. Where we direct families to online learning, we will make sure that resources and websites are checked and are appropriate. We will not provide live streamed lessons.
- We will continue to host weekly Zoom meetings for pupils in Years 2, 3 and 4 who are still at home. We will ensure that two members of staff are available to lead each session and that staff hosting the meetings are in a neutral space that considers what is in the background.

Implemented: 1st June 2020

Updated: 7th September 2020

Date adopted by the Governing Body: 5th October 2020

Signed: *Sue Thomas*, Chair of Governors

To be reviewed: **January 2021**

Action Taken by Staff Member

Reporting Staff Signature: Date

Passed to DSL/DDSL (insert name): Date/Time

Action Taken by Designated Safeguarding Lead / Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Response/Outcome

DSL/DDSL Signature: Date