

SAFEGUARDING & CHILD PROTECTION POLICY FOR SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION SERVICES

UPDATE RECENT CHANGES TO THIS POLICY (2019-20)

This policy was reviewed and ratified by the Governing Body on April 21st 2020

The following persons are authorised to approve minor changes between reviews:


Chair of Governors Jacqui Fiorletta

Safeguarding Lead Governor Carol Harris

Since ratification by the Governing Body the following changes have been made –

The following additions are based on DfE guidance up to 31/3/2020 – DfE guidance issued after this date must also be applied.

Where the DfE have highlighted areas for a strengthened focus the “in my school this means that” section must be completed.

Date of Change: 1st April 2020		
Addition	DfE guidance	https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-schools-and-other-educational-settings
Addition	BCC guidance vulnerable children	https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/15896/safeguarding-guidance-during-school-closure
Addition	BCC guidance for collaborative/ hub schools	 HUB- Collaborative schools guidance.docx
Addition	DfE guidance	https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance-for-schools
Strengthened focus	DfE guidance	The continued importance of all staff and volunteers acting immediately on any safeguarding concern.



		The DSL's will be informed and information about the concern posted on CPOM's.
Strengthened focus	DfE guidance	What staff and volunteers should do if they have any concerns about a child. The DSL's will be informed and information about the concern posted on CPOM's.
Strengthened focus	DfE guidance	DSL (and deputy) arrangements. During the COVID-19 closure of school, St.Wilfrid's School will be open for children of key workers. On each day of opening there will be one of the school DSL's on duty at school and the other 2 DSL's are contactable by phone or email.
Strengthened focus	DfE guidance	The continued importance for school and college staff to work with and support children's social workers and the Local Authority Virtual School Head (VSH) for looked-after and previously looked-after children. DSL's are all available via email or phone, as are our LAC coordinators, Lucy Husted and Hanna Hunt.
Strengthened focus	DfE guidance	Peer on peer abuse - given the very different circumstances schools and colleges are operating in, a revised process may be required for managing any report of such abuse and supporting victims (the principles as set out in part 5 of KCSIE should continue to inform any revised approach) The DSL's will be informed and information about the concern posted on CPOM's.
Strengthened focus	DfE guidance	What staff and volunteers should do if they have concerns about a staff member or volunteer who may pose a safeguarding risk to children (the principles in part 4 of KCSIE will continue to support how a school or college responds to any such concerns) The Safeguarding policy and guidance to be followed and DSL's will be informed and information about the concern posted on CPOM's.
Strengthened focus	DfE guidance	Any arrangements to support children that the school or college are concerned about who do not meet the 'vulnerable' definition. These children and families will be called by the class teacher once a week and any concerns will be reported to the DSL's will be informed and information about the concern posted on CPOM's.



Strengthened focus	DfE guidance	<p>What arrangements are in place to keep children not physically attending the school or college safe, especially online and how concerns about these children should be progressed.</p> <p>Children are having work posted online for them and class teachers are keeping in contact via eSchools. Each classteacher is also carrying out phone calls to each child in their class once a week.</p> <p>Any concerns and the DSL's will be informed and information about the concern posted on CPOM's.</p>

It is important that all staff and volunteers are aware of the new policy and are kept up to date as it is revised. The revised policy should continue to be made available publicly.

