



Overstone Combined School - Remote Learning – Safeguarding addendum

Safeguarding pupils and teachers online

Keeping pupils and teachers safe during remote education is essential. Teachers delivering remote education online are aware that the same principles set out in the Overstone Combined School's staff code of conduct policy still apply.

Overstone Combined School will be using Class Dojo as the learning platform, where pre-recorded teaching sessions and class work will be uploaded. Whole class Zoom sessions will also be used and the following should be considered:

- Staff and children must wear suitable clothing
- Computers or devices should be in appropriate areas, e.g. not in bedrooms and background should be considered
- Zoom sessions will be kept to a reasonable length to take into account the demands being made on parents, e.g. work and other family members
- Language should be appropriate from all parties involved
- Staff should only use Overstone's platforms to communicate with pupils
- Teachers and staff should not engage in 1:1 virtual teaching sessions, unless agreed by the Headteacher
- The needs of vulnerable pupils should be considered

Parents will be made aware of the school staff children may be interacting with. In some circumstances Overstone Combined School may consider one-to-one sessions are appropriate. Any risks will be assessed and then action approved by the Headteacher after consultation with the family.

Parents and carers can access support to keep their children safe online from the following sources:

- [support for parents and carers to keep children safe online](#), which outlines resources to help keep children safe from different risks online and where to go to find support and advice
- [staying safe online](#) which includes information on security and privacy settings
- [Thinkuknow](#) provides advice from the National Crime Agency (NCA) on staying safe online
- [Parent info](#) is a collaboration between Parentzone and the NCA providing support and guidance for parents from leading experts and organisations
- [Childnet](#) offers a toolkit to support parents and carers of children of any age to start discussions about their online life, to set boundaries around online behaviour and technology use, and to find out where to get more help and support
- [Internet matters](#) provides age-specific online safety checklists, guides on how to set parental controls on a range of devices, and a host of practical tips to help children get the most out of their digital world

- [London Grid for Learning](#) has support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online, including tips to keep primary aged children safe online
- [Net-aware](#) has support for parents and carers from the NSPCC, including a guide to social networks, apps and games
- [Let's Talk About It](#) has advice for parents and carers to keep children safe from online radicalisation
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) has tips, advice, guides and other resources to help keep children safe online, including parental controls offered by home internet providers and safety tools on social networks and other online services

Parents can report harmful or upsetting content to the [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Reporting concerns

Teachers and support staff who interact with children will continue to look out for signs that a child may be at risk and will report via CPOMS, following the procedures in the Child Protection Policy. Children and parents are also able to access support from <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre> a link for which is on Overstone Combined School's website.

Bullying or abuse online

As children may have more frequent access to online devices, this could potentially lead to peer on peer abuse. Overstone Combined School will follow its Child Protection Policy if it is made aware of any instances. Parents and carers can get advice and support from:

National Crime Agency's [Child Exploitation and Online Protection command](#) (a link is available on Overstone Combined School's website) [Anti-Bullying Alliance](#) for children who are being bullied.

Communicating with parents, carers and pupils

Where education is having to take place remotely due to Coronavirus (COVID-19), it's important for Overstone Combined School's staff and pupils to maintain professional practice as much as possible. When communicating online with parents and pupils Overstone Combined School will endeavour to:

- communicate within school hours as much as possible (or hours agreed with the school to suit the needs of staff)
- communicate through the school channels approved by the senior leadership team
- use school email accounts (not personal ones)
- use school devices over personal devices wherever possible

Overstone Combined School will continue to ensure that all remote learning tools and systems follow privacy, data protection and GDPR requirements.