

Addendum to Child Protection Policy due to the circumstances of COVID-19

Due to the current unprecedented circumstances of the COVID-19 virus it is necessary that CVEA is prepared and has appropriate arrangements in place in relation to the management of any safeguarding or child protection concerns both on and off site during this time.

While our school site is currently closed during these unprecedented circumstances, the Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies are Miss Grace Woollett and Ms Claire Hornsby and continue to be our Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies due to their level of training and skill. While we are currently closed our Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies will continue to remain in contact with those children who we deem are vulnerable or have a multi-agency statutory plan in place to safeguard them.

Arrangements for Contact with Vulnerable Children

Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies will continue to contact vulnerable children and their families in the following timescales as a minimum whilst the school is closed and these children are not on site: children the subject of a Child Protection Plan (daily), children who have a Child in Need Plan (twice weekly), Looked After Children (twice weekly dependent on the child's individual placement needs) or children with an Early Help Plan (weekly). If there are any issues raised during this time regarding their care, safety or ability to be contacted then the Designated Safeguarding Lead/Deputy will follow their local safeguarding procedures and contact their local front door services immediately (as per our Child Protection Policy).

Availability and contact arrangements for families and professionals who wish to make contact with the Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies

During these unprecedented circumstances the Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies will be available to be contacted by children, families and other services and agencies to ensure the safety and well-being of all our vulnerable children. They can be contacted via the school enquiries line in the first instance and whether they are on or off site they will gain contact with any family or professional as soon as possible.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Miss G Woollett who can be contacted via email on Woollett.G1@cvea.co.uk directly.

Contact with the Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies should be within the hours of the school day 8.30am-2.55pm ONLY. Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies cannot be responsible for not receiving messages outside of these times.

As previously shared if you are worried about a young person and feel that they are a risk of significant harm immediately then please contact the Police on 101 or 999 in an emergency. If you are concerned about a young person's safety and welfare you can also contact Together for Children on 0191 561 7007 . The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Miss G Woollett who can be contacted via email on Woollett.G1@cvea.co.uk in the first instance.

Response to safeguarding or child protection concerns

As always our school's duty of care is to keep children safe and while the arrangements of the physical care of children and physical presence of our Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies may be different during this time the school's response remains the same and follows the guidelines as set out in our school's Child Protection Policy.

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DFE issued interim coronavirus (covid -19): safeguarding in schools colleges and other providers late on Friday.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-safeguarding-in-schools-colleges-and-other-providers/coronavirus-covid-19-safeguarding-in-schools-colleges-and-other-providers>