

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

Designated Safeguarding Leads and Deputies

St Aidan's and St Anthony's school site remains open for vulnerable children and children of key workers. Both schools will work on a rotation of week on / week off. During this time, the Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies are Mrs Marie Lanaghan and Mrs Frances Collins who will continue to be available at all times. However due to these unprecedented circumstances they may not physically be on our school site every day. In a case where the DSL and DDSL are not available on site, Mrs Lanaghan can be contacted by telephone (number is with admin worker on duty) or either of can be contacted by email.

Mrs Lanaghan – marie.lanaghan@st-anthonys-academy.com

Mrs Collins – frances.collins@st-anthonys-academy.com

Should our school site be entirely closed then we will update our website and Child Protection Policy with our arrangements.

Arrangements for Contact with Vulnerable Children

Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies will continue to contact vulnerable children and their families in the following timescales if the school is closed or 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 telephone number or by email. Whether they are on or off site they will gain contact with any family or professional as soon as possible.

Contact with the Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies should be within the hours of the school day 8.30am-3.30pm ONLY . Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies cannot be responsible for not receiving calls and messages outside of these times. In the event that children or families need support immediately please contact our front door services immediately (as per the information within the Child Protection Policy) or contact the Police.

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.

Revised 28th March 2020 in light of

DFE issued interim coronavirus (covid -19): safeguarding in schools colleges and other providers late on Friday 28th March 2020..

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

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