

Background

On 27th March the DfE published guidance to schools in fulfilling their safeguarding responsibilities during the pandemic restrictions. This is available at -

<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>

This briefing is intended to assist schools translate the government advice into the context of their school using the template and guidance below. This should form an addendum to your established Safeguarding Policy and be reviewed as necessary.

St Paul's C of E Primary School- Covid-19 Addendum to School Safeguarding Policy

KEY AREA	CONTENT
Maintaining links with safeguarding partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school will check briefings from the DfE, Lancashire County Council and local Safeguarding Advisers in LCC and MASH
Referrals to CSC and LADO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LADO Services are operating during the pandemic, using Skype as necessary and so any concerns about harm to children are subject to consultation with LADO as in normal operating. • CSC can be contacted on 0300 123 6720 (no hot-line services) and cyreferrals@lancashire.gov.uk • The Schools Safeguarding Advice Line and MASH Education Officers are still available and will be used for advice about threshold and wider safeguarding concerns.
Designated Safeguarding Lead	<p>St Paul's plans to ensure there is a deputy DSL on site. If a trained DSL is not available on site then they will be contactable via phone.</p> <p>These are Sharon Charlesworth (Lead DSL), Andrea Horrocks (Deputy DSL), Katy Ormerod (Deputy DSL) or Rebekah Fielding (Deputy DSL)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If no DSL is available to school - staff can seek further guidance from the County Safeguarding advice line 01772 531196 • Children in our setting - we will ensure that if children from another school are being cared for on our site or vice versa then links will be in place between the respective DSL functions to share information. • We will ensure arrangements to ensure that all staff, including volunteers and any adults who are not familiar with the setting know who to speak to if they have concerns about a child. • We will have arrangements to ensure that all adults on school site understand the school's commitment to acting immediately in response to any safeguarding concerns. • Any Safeguarding concerns must be recorded via CPOMs. If it is deemed a child is in immediate danger, a member of the Safeguarding School Team must be contacted immediately and then recorded on CPOMs.

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<p>Supporting Vulnerable Children (allocated to a social worker)</p>	<p>Ensure that there are arrangements in place to maintain the school's contribution to multi agency safeguarding and support for looked after children (CLA), Children In Need and children subject to Child Protection plans.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that school can identify by name which children are vulnerable or should be in school - including how to contact them. School should request up-to-date contact details. • Ensure that there are arrangements to identify which children have SWs and how to contact the SW - school will agree interim safeguarding plans with the SW. • Ensure that school can identify which children are looked after and becoming looked after and the contact arrangements for the VHT.
<p>Supporting potentially Vulnerable Children (not allocated to a social worker)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior leaders, especially the Designated Safeguarding Lead (and deputies) know who our most vulnerable children are. They have the flexibility to offer a place to those on the edge of receiving children's social care support. Regular contact will be made with these families and support offered where/ if needed
<p>Peer on peer abuse</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Paul's CofE Primary recognises that during the closure a revised process may be required for managing any report of such abuse and supporting victims. • Where a school receives a report of peer on peer abuse, they will follow the principles as set out in part 5 of KCSIE and of those outlined within of the Child Protection Policy. • The school will listen and work with the young person, parents/carers and any multi- agency partner required to ensure the safety and security of that young person. • Concerns and actions must be recorded on CPOMS and appropriate referrals made.
<p>Online Safeguarding</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Paul's CofE will continue to provide a safe environment, including online. This includes the use of an online filtering system. • Where students are using computers in school, appropriate supervision will be in place. <p>Children and online safety away from school and college</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is important that all staff who interact with children, including

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	<p>online, continue to look out for signs a child may be at risk. Any such concerns should be dealt with as per the Child Protection Policy and where appropriate referrals should still be made to children's social care and as required, the police.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • St Paul's CofE will ensure any use of online learning tools and systems is in line with privacy and data protection/GDPR requirements. • St Paul's CofE Primary will not be conducting live lessons online.
Children with specific health needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any children currently attending school who have any medical needs, have been identified and this information is shared with staff on site. Emergency contact details (up to 4) are available in the blue file in the school office.
Safer Recruitment & use of Volunteers	<p>All existing school staff have had safeguarding training and have read part 1 of Keeping Children Safe in Education (2019). The DSL should communicate with staff any new local arrangements, so they know what to do if they are worried about a child.</p> <p>Where new staff are recruited, or new volunteers enter St Paul's CofE Primary School, they will continue to be provided with a safeguarding induction.</p> <p>If staff are deployed from another education or children's workforce setting to our school, we will take into account the DfE supplementary guidance on safeguarding children during the COVID-19 pandemic and will accept portability as long as the current employer confirms in writing that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the individual has been subject to an enhanced DBS and children's barred list check • there are no known concerns about the individual's suitability to work with children • there is no ongoing disciplinary investigation relating to that individual
Operation Encompass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools who receive an Operation Encompass notification in respect of a child who is not attending school should consider what further actions are required as they would in normal working, including speaking to parents and seeking advice from MASH / Schools Safeguarding Officer.

Named person responsible for ensuring staff are aware of the above.

DSL NAME: Sharon Charlesworth

DATE: April 2020

Named governor aware of the school/colleges interim arrangements

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GOVERNOR NAME: Will Aitken

DATE: April 2020