

Child protection policy – updated 30.3.20

Key COVID-19 related changes to our child protection policy:

Updated advice received from the local 3 safeguarding partners

- Cascaded to staff via email

Updated advice received from local authorities regarding children with education, health and care (EHC) plans, the local authority designated officer and children's social care, reporting mechanisms, referral thresholds and children in need

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What staff and volunteers should do if they have any concerns about a child

- Follow the usual school procedures

The continued importance of all staff and volunteers acting and acting immediately on any safeguarding concerns

DSL (and deputy) arrangements

- DSL on site or contactable by phone 01295678307 – can be on site within 20 minutes (WMAT agreed)

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

- Information shared where relevant

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

- Usual procedures to be used – contact DSL as above

What staff and volunteers should do if they have concerns about a staff member or volunteer who may pose a safeguarding risk to children

- Staff to be familiar with 'whistle blower' policy procedure and process

Arrangements to support children the school or college are concerned about who do not meet the 'vulnerable' definition

- School meal provider – weekly.
- Drop of school resources – weekly where possible (contact remains)

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

- Guidance sent to families 30.3.20 including online and multi-agency support
- Weekly contact made with Vulnerable families via phone (SEnCo) and logged using MyConcern.
- Communications with lead practitioners of families with TAFs/EHAs in place via email.