

Safeguarding during partial school closure – policy appendix

The following is in response to the government publication, 'Coronavirus (COVID-19): Safeguarding in schools, colleges and other providers.' <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-safeguarding-in-schools-colleges-and-other-providers>

During the partial school closure all safeguarding policy and practice will be adhered to in line with usual practice. Some additional measures will be put in place as per the government guidelines, see below:

- One of the Designated Safeguarding Team (Mr Jones, Ms Murthen or Mrs Rawlings) will be on-site at all times when children are present. However, if all three are self-isolating they will ensure that at least one of them, makes themselves available by telephone.
- Mrs Rawlings, the DDSL will remain in contact with Local authority officers and social workers working with our vulnerable children at all times and attend 'virtual' meetings as required. Any action taken will involve discussion and agreement with the DSL.
- Families with vulnerable children, including those with EHCP's and those who are 'Looked After', will have the opportunity to discuss the best options for their children during the partial closure. Decisions about attending school or staying at home will be in agreement with the family, the school and social workers in an open case.
- Pupils who do attend school during the partial closure will have their attendance recorded using the DfE issued spreadsheet and attendance data will be submitted each day to the DfE and the Local Authority.
- The school will follow up with any parent or carer who has arranged care for their children and the children subsequently do not attend.
- Staff working during the partial closure will be made aware of new Safeguarding arrangements as detailed in this document.
- All staff working during the closure will be made aware of 'need to know' information related to pupils in attendance. This may include dietary requirements, medical needs or other factors that may affect health or well-being.
- In response to the potential increase in internet use by pupils not attending school, support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online will be published on the school website, this will be signposted to parents via text and twitter.

This appendix will be subject to regular review and will be updated in line with any new guidance from the local Three Safeguarding Partners and the DfE.