

Schools Safeguarding Service Briefing – Interim Safeguarding Arrangements during Covid-19 Pandemic


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>

McKee College – 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 cypreferrals@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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A trained DSL is on site every day. In an exceptional circumstance where this is not the case please contact DSLs Hayley Middleton on the school mobile 07817055607 and Darryl Price 07919 306327• 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 schools commitment to acting immediately in response to any safeguarding concerns
Supporting Vulnerable Children (allocated to a social worker)	<p>Ensure that there are arrangements in place to maintain the schools 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">• Using the Child Journey document DSLs can identify by name which children are vulnerable or should be in school - including how to contact them.• We will 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 we can identify which children are looked after and becoming looked after and the contact arrangements for the VHT.

Supporting potentially Vulnerable Children (not allocated to a social worker)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSLs will review those who are vulnerable but do not have a formal Child in Need Plan / allocated social worker (single agency or CAF/TAF support) • Staff will alert DSLs directly and via CPOMS any concerns that arise from communication / lack of communication and the DSL team will review what support is needed • Keyworkers will be maintaining contact via email and phones with students and families • We will adapt Lancashire Children's Social Care interim risk assessment template once finalised  <p>Appendix 1 to Risk Assessment Guidance</p>
Peer on peer abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keyworkers in their regular communication will use our normal guidelines and policy around peer on peer abuse including alerting the DSL team.
Online Safeguarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online safety guidance is published on the website and key workers will signpost parents and students to this. • Students and families will be asked to alert DSL Darryl Price – darryl.price@mckee.lancs.sch.uk of any online safeguarding concerns
Children with specific health needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any medical or specific health needs of students coming into school will be relayed to the staff working on site.
Safer Recruitment & use of Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • During this period we are not using any volunteers in school.
Operation Encompass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where we receive an Operation Encompass update as DSLs we will decide appropriate best steps, this may including speaking to parents, social workers and seeking advice from MASH / Schools Safeguarding Officer.

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

DSL NAME: Sarah Bishop

DATE: 01/ 04 /20

Named governor aware of the school interim arrangements

GOVERNOR NAME: Alf Yates

DATE: