



Foulsham Primary School - Safeguarding Policy - Addendum in response to Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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As a school we are currently operating in a fundamentally different way in response to the Coronavirus, COVID 19 situation. There are however several important safeguarding principles which remain the same.

- regarding safeguarding, the best interests of children must always continue to come first
- if anyone in a school or college has a safeguarding concern about any child they should continue to act and act immediately
- a DSL or deputy should always be available either in person or by phone
- it is essential that unsuitable people are not allowed to enter the children's workforce and/or gain access to children
- children should continue to be protected when they are online

Changes to working practice:

Many of our children are not falling into the vulnerable or critical worker category; therefore, they are not physically present at school, however safeguarding measures have been put in place for them. Some children as identified by DSL's are receiving daily welfare calls from a DSL, others twice weekly calls and some children weekly calls, these are under constant review by both DSL's. We will respond to operation encompass calls when received in a similar way, by a DSL taking key information then contacting the family if appropriate with offer of support. All children on role have been given the CHILDLINE number within their home learning packs. Weekly newsletters will be a source of information regarding other helplines and appropriate website addresses offering support. Anyone who has a concern about a child whether in person or remotely must pass that concern to a DSL via concern form or telephone call as soon as possible.

Attendance:

Attendance of those vulnerable children or children of critical workers should be logged onto the online attendance form. Those children who it had been arranged for to attend should be followed up if there is non-attendance.

Safer Recruitment:

There have been some changes regarding online applications for DBS checks, however safer recruitment procedures are still critical and to be followed in terms of any new appointments made.

Mental Health

During this time, it is especially important to monitor the risks of keeping children safe when their own or their family's good mental health can change or deteriorate. It is important to record all concerns regarding mental health and the appropriate agencies can be contacted for support, and advice around these areas.

Online Safety

With many children working online and remotely it is especially important to safeguard children when online throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. Children and families should be aware of the following websites and advice around online safety.

- [Internet matters](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [London Grid for Learning](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Net-aware](#) - for support for parents and careers from the NSPCC
- [Parent info](#) - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [Thinkuknow](#) - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) - advice for parents and carers