

Red Marsh Schools Interim Safeguarding Arrangements during Covid-19 Pandemic

Background

This is an addendum to Red Marsh School's established Safeguarding Policy and On-line safety policy these must be read in conjunction with the following. This addendum is the third addendum completed January 2021 and will continue to be reviewed as necessary. This addendum is to address pupils who have had to move to remote education due to self-isolation or potential reduction in staffing levels, impacting on our normal day to day provision.

Red Marsh School – Covid-19 Addendum to School Safeguarding Policy

| KEY AREA | CONTENT |
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| Maintaining links with safeguarding partners | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school will check briefings from the DfE, Lancashire County Council, <i>Andrew Hall Safeguarding</i> 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 and cypreferrals@lancashire.gov.uk • The Schools Safeguarding Advice Line and MASH Education Officers will still be used for advice about threshold and wider safeguarding concerns. |
| Designated Safeguarding Lead | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are three DSLs trained in school and are available for concerns to be reported to, therefore there should be no time when a DSL is not available. • If no DSL was available in school – staff can seek further guidance from the County Safeguarding advice line 01772 531196 • We will continue arrangements to ensure that any supply staff, 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>Red Marsh School will ensure 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"> • Red Marsh School can identify by name which children are vulnerable should they have to self-isolate - including how to contact them. School has up-to-date contact details. • Red Marsh School has arrangements to identify which children have SWs and how to contact the SW – school will agree interim safeguarding plans with the SW if a pupil is self-isolating. • Red Marsh School 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"> • Red Marsh School has a data base to enable staff to identify those children who are vulnerable but do not have a formal Child in Need Plan / allocated social worker (single agency or CAF/TAF support) • Red Marsh School has a system and is maintaining contact / support and identifying any concerns in such families. |
| Supporting all pupils who are self-isolating | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Marsh School will ensure that staff understand they must continue to report any concerns to the DSL and record on c poms • If DSLs are not available follow Designated Safeguarding Lead advice as above. |

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| <p>Online Safeguarding/Remote Learning</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any concerns raised during remote learning must be reported to our DSLs. • Procedures to address these issues will follow the remote learning, online safety and child protection policy. • Our remote learning policy outlines how school is supporting pupils to stay safe on line and how the school is safeguarding pupils who are learning from home. • Parents, on behalf of their child, will agree to our Remote Learning User Agreement. This will outline expectations that will help to keep our pupils safe online. This will be issued prior to commencing remote working via a google form • Jenny Slater is the senior leader with overarching responsibility for the quality and delivery of remote education • Teachers frequently check if vulnerable children are able to access remote learning and support them to access as far as possible and to regularly check work completed. |
| <p>Children with specific health needs</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Red Marsh School we continue to follow care plans for all our pupils and have regular contact with our school nurses. • Risk assessments have been completed for pupils who cannot at the present time attend school due to AGP |
| <p>Safer Recruitment & use of Volunteers</p> | <p>We continue to follow safer recruitment policy and guidance as set out in our child protection policy.</p> <p>We will ensure that new staff will be inducted as per our child protection policy including understanding the staff code of conduct and in addition at the present time the whole school risk assessment for working safely during Covid-19.</p> <p>We only have staff in school and volunteers* in school who have DBS clearance</p> <p>*at the present time there are no volunteers in school following our risk assessment</p> |
| <p>Operation Encompass</p> | <p>If Red Marsh School receives an Operation Encompass notification in respect of a child who is not attending school they will consider what further actions are required as they would in normal working, including speaking to parents and seeking advice from MASH / Schools Safeguarding Officer.</p> |

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

DSL NAME: Catherine Dellow

DATE: January 2021

Named governor aware of the school/colleges interim arrangements

GOVERNOR NAME: Pat Naylor

DATE: January 2021