

## Safeguarding Policy Annex – Coronavirus Outbreak Addendum

During this exceptional time, schools should continue to report safeguarding concerns to local Children's Services in the normal way.

### Measures

At Bramham and Shadwell Federation, these are the measures we are implementing to ensure safeguarding remains a priority:

- Weekly emails to parents from EHT, sharing a clear safeguarding message and signposting to sources of support, advice and action.
- Guidance sent to all staff containing updated reporting procedures and additional procedures specific to this situation. CP Policy sent to all staff for ease of access, with an e version of a Cause for Concern form.
- Phone calls/visits with social distancing to identified children and their parents on a weekly basis, from class teachers.

Extract from first email to parents, sent 27.3.20

"If you are experiencing any major concerns or you feel the safety of your child or the safety of children of another family you know is being compromised for any reason, depending upon the severity of the issue, please do in the first instance consider sharing your child's problem with our teachers via email, who will pass your concerns on to senior leaders. If you feel worried about the safety of any family that you become aware of and require immediate support, you must phone the police on 999 where they will do an emergency welfare check on the family."

### Guidance for staff

If you have a cause for concern:

- Safeguarding continues to be a priority for us as teachers and leaders in our Federation. If you become aware of a safeguarding concern during this time, please contact one of the DSL's by phone.
- Please record the concerns and your actions on a Cause for Concern form. Save this form securely on an encrypted memory stick. When we return to school, these forms must be printed and passed to a DSL.
- If you cannot contact any of the DSL's and have an immediate concern about a child's safety, you should call Children's Services or the police.

Other sources of support:

Support and Guidance and Targeted Services – we have an assigned member of staff who is able to offer help to parents with behavioural and other issues. This service offers a supportive approach, aiming to work in partnership with families.

Local Inclusion Lead – An assigned member of staff is allocated to our schools and she is continuing to work remotely with identified families.

### Domestic Violence

Please see this link for information about DV at this time - <http://safelives.org.uk/news-views/domestic-abuse-and-covid-19>

Thank you to all our staff for ensuring that safeguarding procedures are maintained.

March 27 2020