

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>

Stalmine Primary School – 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 cyreferrals@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"> The rota has been organised to ensure that there is a trained DSL on site at all times. 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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stalmine School has an up-to-date list of vulnerable pupils, including those who are CP, CiN, EHCP – including up-to-date details of how to contact them. 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 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"> Stalmine School have identified those children who are vulnerable but do not have a formal Child in Need Plan / allocated social worker (single agency or CAF/TAF support) We are in contact on a regular basis with those families through weekly meal deliveries and through Dojo contact. Where there has been no contact for 2 days, the DSL is alerted and phone contact is made. Stalmine school is maintaining contact and support through Dojo and phone calls, some families are having meals delivered to their doorsteps as the voucher scheme is not practical within the village. Any identified concerns in such families are followed up

	<p>in line with the Risk Assessments developed by Lancashire Children's Social Care. (Example attached below)–</p>  <p>Appendix 1 to Risk Assessment Guidance</p>
Peer on peer abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At this time our pupils are not mixing with other pupils from other settings. Should this occur, our pupils will be supported by a member of staff from our own school, in the case of us receiving pupils from another school, they would be supported by a member of staff from their own school. • All pupils are expected to follow our schools behaviour policy.
Online Safeguarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance has been provided to parents about online learning, with links to online and safety guidance within home learning packs. • Any links provided by staff WILL be checked before being sent out to parents. • Parents have been encouraged to ensure that any online work is supervised at all times.
Children with specific health needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Records are updated yearly with regards to health needs such as asthma, eczema, diabetes etc.
Safer Recruitment & use of Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be no new volunteers or recruitment during this time. However, should this be required, Stalmine School will continue to follow the guidance as laid out in KCSIE Sept 2019. • Any new staff, staff relocated to the school, and volunteers will be provided with the staff code of conduct prior to starting at the school • Any volunteers will have been individually risk-assessed and MUST have full enhanced DBS checks completed before being allowed to work at Stalmine Primary School
Operation Encompass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If Stalmine School is in receipt of an Operation Encompass notification in respect of a child who is not attending school will consider speaking to parents where we feel this does not add to any potential risk but will in the first instance seek advice from MASH / Schools Safeguarding Officer.

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

DSL NAME: Hannah Binns

DATE: 2/4/20

Named governor aware of the school/colleges interim arrangements

GOVERNOR NAME: Joanne Hughes-Hutchings

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