

The Blessed Sacrament Catholic Primary School – Covid-19 Addendum to School Safeguarding Policy

KEY AREA	CONTENT
Maintaining links with safeguarding partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school will check briefings from the DfE, Lancashire County Council, Diocese of Lancaster and local Safeguarding Advisers in LCC and MASH</li> </ul>
Referrals to CSC and LADO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>CSC can be contacted on 0300 123 6720 (no hot-line services) and <a href="mailto:cypreferrals@lancashire.gov.uk">cypreferrals@lancashire.gov.uk</a></li> <li>The Schools Safeguarding Advice Line and MASH Education Officers are still available and will be used for advice about threshold and wider safeguarding concerns.</li> </ul>
Designated Safeguarding Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A trained DSL is on site at all times</li> <li>If no DSL is available to school due to staff illness, staff will seek further guidance from the County Safeguarding advice line 01772 531196</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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</li> </ul>
Supporting Vulnerable Children (allocated to a social worker)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School have identified by name, children who are vulnerable and know how to contact them</li> <li>School have agreed interim safeguarding plans with the SW of any children that have them</li> <li>School have identified which children are looked after and have the contact details of carers, SWs and VHT</li> </ul>
Supporting potentially Vulnerable Children (not allocated to a social worker)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Through our knowledge of the children in our care and our experience of working with their families, we have identified children who are vulnerable but do not have a formal CIN plan / allocated Social Worker. These children are being supported by the FSW with the support of the SLT.</li> <li>The school have completed the interim risk assessment for concerns in such families and is maintaining contact / support through telephone conversations, email and home visits (with social distancing a priority)</li> </ul>
Peer on peer abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are no children who do not attend our setting or adults working at the setting who do not usually attend therefore normal policy and guidelines apply.</li> </ul>
Online Safeguarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All online activity recommended by school are accessed through safe sites.</li> <li>Children are encouraged to email teachers through a secure platform.</li> <li>We post regular support for parents to the Facebook page and through the school website about keeping children safe online.</li> </ul>
Children with specific health needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any child attending the setting with specific health needs will have a care plan and all adults will be made aware of their needs.</li> </ul>

Safer Recruitment & use of Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will not be recruiting or using volunteers during the school closure.</li> <li>• We will not be taking on new staff and are not using staff from other settings.</li> <li>• All staff working on site have been subject to safer recruitment guidelines and hold current DBS checks.</li> </ul>
Operation Encompass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If we receive an Operation Encompass notification in respect of a child who is not attending school, a risk assessment will be carried out to determine next steps which may involve speaking to parents and seeking advice from MASH / Schools Safeguarding Officer. At least 2 DSLs will carry out the risk assessment.</li> </ul>

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

DSL NAME: Kelly Hannah (Headteacher)

DATE: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020

Named governor aware of the school/colleges interim arrangements

GOVERNOR NAME: Janet Jones

DATE: 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020a