**Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

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**Safeguarding partial closure arrangements for**

**Exwick Heights Primary School**

**Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Policy Written by: Caroline Neal

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**Context**

During this time Exwick Heights Primary School will continue to safeguard and promote the welfare of all of our pupils. We will endeavour to provide a safe and welcoming environment to those pupils who will continue to attend school and ensure we offer online support to all vulnerable pupils and their families.

We will continue to follow Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) guidance to ensure we follow all current statutory guidance to provide safeguarding and child protection support to all children and their families.

We will continue to be alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow our procedures to ensure that children receive effective support, protection and justice. Child protection continues to form part of the school’s safeguarding responsibilities

The way schools and colleges are currently operating in response to coronavirus (COVID-19) is fundamentally different to business as usual, however, a number of important safeguarding principles will remain the same:

* with regard to safeguarding, the best interests of children will always continue to come first
* if anyone in a school has a safeguarding concern about any child they should continue to act and act immediately
* a DSL or deputy should be available, if they are not in school, the opportunity to telephone or video link to the DSL or Deputy DSL will always be available
* 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

**Key Contacts for Exwick Heights Primary School:**

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**Child Protection Policy – amendments:**

**Contact:**

* DSL/Safeguarding Lead will be available throughout this time via telephone/email
* All children with EHCP and keyworker children will be welcome to attend school daily if required.

**Reporting Concerns:**

* Any member of staff who has a safeguarding/CP concern in relation to a child should continue to follow school protocol – inform safeguarding team (call/email) log all concerns on CPOMS – system will be monitored daily
* Any member of staff who has a concern for the safety of a child out of hours should contact MASH – 0345 155 1071 or if urgent 999

**Vulnerable Children:**

* DSL/Safeguarding lead will continue to work with colleagues in social care and will where possible attend all meeting/conferences and child protection meetings via video/conference call
* DSL/Safeguarding lead will endeavour to make daily/weekly calls to social workers of those pupils on CIN/CP and CIC plans
* DSL/Safeguarding lead will endeavour to make daily/weekly/tri-weekly calls to vulnerable parents/carers/pupils and/or monitoring contact made with them by members of the Safeguarding Team (all Level 3 trained).
* DSL/Safeguarding lead will ensure all calls are logged on CPOMS

**Safer Recruitment**:

* Any new staff joining Exwick Heights Primary school will receive virtual safeguarding training and expectations of all staff will continue
* Any volunteer/ or outside agency attending Exwick Heights Primary School will be DBS checked and all legislation and guidance will continue to be followed in line with safer recruitment guidance. All staff will be expected to follow code of conduct and will need to produce all relevant documentation
* Any member of staff who has a concern in relation to another member of staff/volunteer must follow the Whistleblowing guidance/policy

**Transition:**

* DSL/Safeguarding lead will continue to liaise with Secondary Schools/Nurserys to ensure smooth transition for our most vulnerable pupils – this will include sharing of relevant safeguarding/CP concerns. Information regarding CIN/CP and CIC pupils and transferring of relevant safeguarding files.

**Attendance:**

* Attendance will be logged with the DfE on a daily basis
* Staff will follow all usual protocols for pupils expected to attend but absent- this will include a phone call to parents/carers to establish reasons for absence

**Peer on peer abuse:**

* We will continue to ensure our young people will receive support around any issues within their peer groups. DSL/Safeguarding lead will be in regular contact with our most vulnerable pupils and/or monitoring contact made with them by members of the Safeguarding Team (all Level 3 trained). All pupils can contact school during this time and there is advice and guidance on our school website and in newsletters for pupils and their families to access on-line services.

**Please continue to follow all guidance/procedures and policies in the full Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy which can be viewed on the school website.**