



Covid-19 Appendix

In the event of an extended school closure due to exceptional circumstances

The way in which the school can operate in response to an extended school closure due to exceptional circumstances is fundamentally different to 'business as usual'. However, a number of important safeguarding principles will remain the same:

- The best interests of children must 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
- 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

This means that the school will continue to implement these Child Protection Policy and Procedures as we have always done.

We will also be mindful that an extended school closure will impact on our interaction with students.

As when the school is open, safeguarding concerns must be reported immediately Via my Concern. This should ideally be followed up verbally with the DSL or a member of the safeguarding team.

Steps taken to support safeguarding during extended school closure

- All safeguarding issues to be raised by staff via My Concern.
- At least one member of the safeguarding team will be available on site during any partial closure.
- At least one member of the safeguarding team will be contactable during school time.
- Vulnerable students in all year groups have been identified and support phone calls will be made according to level of need, X2 per week, weekly or every 2 weeks.



- The school will make every attempt to provide on-site provision as required for the vulnerable groups.
- Communication with Parents for guidance and updates on good practice to keep children safe online and sources of further advice available.
- Follow any national and local statutory guidance and advice
- Communicate with parents and carers on a regular basis ensure that they are signposted to appropriate support and advice
- Communicate with students and ensure that they are signposted to appropriate support and advice

Parents & students can contact the safeguard team via Safeguarding@johnfishersschool.org to raise any concerns.

Staff will only use SMHW and work e-mail addresses to communicate with students. Any communications must be professional. Staff will continue to follow the school's Staff ICT Acceptable Use Policy.

The School will continue to provide a safe environment, including online. It is important that all staff who interact with children, including online, continue to look out for signs a child may be at risk. Any such concerns should be dealt with as per the Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy and where appropriate referrals should still be made to children's social care and as required, the police. The School will ensure any use of online learning tools and systems is in line with privacy and data protection/GDPR requirements. School staff have been given clear instructions for delivering virtual lessons that are clearly defined in the Remote Learning Policy.