

Interim Addendum to Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy: COVID19

Context

At such unprecedented times, it is recognised that current policy and procedure requires updating as new guidance, legislation and protocol emerges from key stakeholders. As a result of the current COVID19 (Coronavirus) Pandemic, Fairfield Farm Trust's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policies will include the additional processes as requested by Government and actions identified herein.

Scope

This addendum and associated interim guidance is under constant review, so online sources, such as those outlined below will be the primary source. This should also be read in conjunction with LA guidance from referring agencies and the FFT Business Continuity Plan.

Government Guidance

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-school-closures/guidance-for-schools-about-temporarily-closing>
- <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>

Changes

In addition to the measures outlined in FFT policy; the Trust will also-

- o Ensure that compliance to the standards set out in KCSIE 2019 remain a priority.
- o Ensure that the DSL is available in real-time for reporting concerns.
- o All members of the Safeguarding Team can act up in the DSL's absence.
- o In the event of DSL & Deputies, the Principal's decision will be final.
- o Ensure that Risk Assessments form the basis for decisions regarding the placement and welfare of young people.
- o Local Authorities are kept informed of incidents, reporting or concerns.
- o Undertake weekly welfare checks on the telephone or email to young people being educated offsite and record these in the normal way using the college's MIS system.
- o Report all concerns in the usual way to the DSL and the safeguarding team.
- o Safeguarding review and update meetings will continue, where appropriate virtually.
- o Use the Department's attendance monitoring processes as outlined [here](#)
- o Provide meaningful, high-quality opportunities to learn off site with personalised access, feedback and communication between families and the Trust.
- o Use Social Media and website to share the most up to date information with families and young people.

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