



The Piggott School

Addendum to the Policy with Regard to the Safeguarding of Children

COVID - 19

Date : 4th April 2020

Responsibility: Deputy Head (Pastoral) and the Lead Governor for Safeguarding

Approved by the Full Governing Body

Key Contacts

- Designated Safeguarding Officers are outlined in the main policy.
- During this period of school closure, there will a DSO on site at Charvil Primary during normal school hours. Referrals will be triaged and actioned accordingly.

Role	Name	Contact details
Wargrave site DSL	Rebecca Alexander	0118 932 0033
Charvil site DSL	Louise May	0118 932 0033
Wargrave Safeguarding Officer	Joanne Colby	colbyj@piggottschool.org
Children's Services	Duty, Triage & Assessment team	0118 908 8002
Thames Valley Police	Prevent team	07788 307178
LADO	Rene Baron	0118 974 6141

If you believe that a young person is in immediate danger and you are unable to contact a DSO from the school, you should refer directly to the Duty, Triage and Assessment team or the Police.

The Wargrave site is currently closed and provision is being provided for all of our pupils on the Charvil site.

Context

- From 20th March 2020, wherever possible, parents were asked to keep their children at home.
- Schools were to remain open only for children who were vulnerable or children of key workers critical to the COVID-19 response.
- Vulnerable children were defined as those with a named social worker or children who have an Education Health Care Plan.
- A list of key workers was published by the Department for Education on 20th March. Schools were asked to provide an on-site provision for the children of these workers to enable them to continue to work.
- On site provision for this group of children is being provided at Charvil Piggott Primary School.

Vulnerable children

- Children who have a named social worker and children with EHC plans.
- Vulnerable children may be on a CIN or CP plan, they may be Looked After by the Local Authority or they may be undergoing a Section 17 or 47 assessment.
- Children with an EHC plan will be risk assessed in consultation with the Local Authority and if necessary, carers, therapists or clinicians will visit homes to provide any essential services.

- Eligibility for FSM should not be a determining factor in assessing vulnerability.
- DSLs and School Leaders have the flexibility to offer a place to those on the edge of receiving children's social care support.
- The school will continue to work with and support social workers to protect vulnerable children. Each case within the school has a designated lead teacher. This staff member will remain the main contact for relevant professionals, the family and the child.
- If a vulnerable child is able to be cared for safely at home, it is expected that they will remain in the home whilst the school closure is in place. This is in line with Government guidelines.
- If being in the home during the school closure presents a risk to the child, it is likely that the school and the social worker will strongly encourage, or in some circumstances, insist that the child attends school.

Attendance monitoring

- Normal attendance processes do not apply during the school closure period.
- The school will follow up on any pupil that they were expecting to attend who does not.
- Where appropriate, the school will confirm emergency contact numbers with each family accessing the on-site provision during the school closure. Additional contact details may be required during this time for children of key workers.
- The Department for Education has introduced a daily online attendance form to keep a record of children of critical workers and vulnerable children who are attending school. The school will submit the daily data to the Department for Education and this will be an accurate record of attendance during the period of closure.

Designated Safeguarding Leads

- Please see the Key Contacts section of this policy for the DSL details for The Piggott School and Charvil Piggott Primary School.
- Designated Safeguarding Officers are on site at Charvil Piggott Primary every day during normal school hours.
- All staff have received an email to confirm that all normal safeguarding procedures apply during the period of school closure.
- Information sharing and referrals will be completed in the normal way.
- Record keeping will remain robust. Information will be stored securely and treated as sensitive data.
- Staff have been encouraged to remain vigilant in the local community and to report any concerns regarding observations or online activity involving pupils from our school.

Safeguarding Training and Induction

- DSL training has been suspended whilst there remains a threat of the COVID-19 virus.
- For this period, a DSL who has been trained will continue to be classed as a trained DSL even if they miss their refresher training.
- All existing staff have had the statutory annual safeguarding training and they have read Part 1 of Keeping Children Safe in Education.
- No new staff have been appointed to work with our pupils during this period.
- If staff are appointed to work with our pupils during the school closure, the school will follow normal safer recruitment procedures and all relevant checks will be completed.

At this time, the school is not operating as a hub for provision and there has been no movement of staff from other providers.

Online safety

- The school will ensure any use of online learning tools and systems is in line with privacy and data protection / GDPR compliant.

- Training has been given to staff regarding the setting of remote learning and the use of 'Live learning'.
- In order to safeguard pupils and protect themselves, staff should reference and follow the safeguarding guidelines that have been issued when preparing online and remote learning.
- In accordance to the annual safeguarding training, staff should ensure transparency of practice at all times.
- It is recommended that staff refer to the Staff Code of Conduct, ICT acceptable use policy and online safety guidance.

Supporting children not in school

- The school is committed to ensuring the safety and well being of all its Children and Young People.
- The school will follow a planned communications plan to ensure regular contact with families and young people.
- Communications may include : Remote contact via phone, email or online platform or door-step visits whilst observing social distancing.
- Families will be actively encouraged to keep in contact with key pastoral staff and the school will respond to requirements or need as the period of school closure continues.
- The communication plan will be reviewed regularly in order to maximise its effectiveness.
- When appropriate, the school will use its website to share safeguarding messages and information.
- The school recognises that it is a protective factor for children and young people. The current circumstances may affect the mental health of pupils and their families. The school will respond accordingly in order to minimise the risk and support holistic health for its community.

Supporting children in school

- The school will continue to be a safe space for all children to attend and flourish.
- The Headteacher will ensure that appropriate staff are on site and staff to pupil ratio numbers are in line with keeping children safe.
- The school will refer to Government guidance on how to implement social distancing and continue to follow the advice from Public Health England on hand washing and other measures to limit the risk of spread of COVID-19.
- The school will ensure that we care for children of critical workers and vulnerable children, ensuring appropriate support is in place for them.

R Alexander

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Designated Safeguarding Lead