



Safeguarding Policy Addendum

Covid 19 Pandemic 2020

Coal Clough Academy

The purpose of this safeguarding policy is to ensure every child who is a registered pupil at our school is safe and protected from harm during the extraordinary circumstances of the Covid 19 Pandemic.

Our school is closed to pupils yet we aim to continue our work and ethos set out in our existing [Safeguarding Policy](#).

Safeguarding is everybody's responsibility. This means we will always work to:

- Protect children and young people at our school from maltreatment;
- Prevent impairment of our children's and young people's health or development;
- Ensure that children and young people at our school grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care;
- Undertake that role so as to enable children at our school to have the best outcomes.

This policy will give clear direction to staff, volunteers, visitors and parents about expectations and our legal responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children at our school during this extreme circumstance of a school closure.

Our school fully recognises the contribution it can make to protect children from harm, even through school closure and to support and promote the welfare of all children who are registered pupils at our school.

This policy applies to all pupils, staff, parents and governors.

This policy should be read in conjunction with the School's [Safeguarding Portfolio](#).

Key Area	
Statutory Guidance	<p>The legislation below is Statutory Guidance and will be adhered to during school closure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Education Act 2002: Section 175 of the Education Act 2002 requires local education authorities and the governors of maintained schools and further education (FE) colleges to make arrangements to ensure that their functions are carried out with a view to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. ● Section 157 of the same act and the Education (Independent Schools Standards) (England) Regulations 2003 require proprietors of independent schools (including academies and city technology colleges) to have arrangements to safeguard and promote the welfare of children who are pupils at the school. ● Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 sets out organisational responsibilities for schools and colleges and this applies to maintained, independent, academies, free schools and alternative non provision academies ● Keeping children safe in education 2016 & Keeping Children Safe in Education 2019 : Statutory guidance for schools and colleges 2016 was issued under Section 175 of the Education Act 2002, the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014 and the Education (Non-Maintained Special Schools) (England) Regulations 2011. This contains information on what schools and colleges should do and sets out the legal duties with which schools must comply ● What to do if you are worried a child is being abused ● Guidance for Safer Working Practice (Revised 2019) ● The Children Act 1989 ● The Children Act 2004 <p>In Addition; the Department for Education Advice on Safeguarding during the Coronavirus outbreak has informed this document as has information from Lancashire County Council's Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership.</p>
Supporting Vulnerable Pupils	<p>Coal Clough Academy is closed until further notice. This means that staff are working from home and have no face to face contact with pupils. As such the following procedures have been put into place.</p> <p>All pupils' parents will be contacted weekly by their form tutors and</p>

	<p>these contacts recorded on CPOMS and on a daily report to the Local Authority.</p> <p>In addition we have identified pupils we consider to be vulnerable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Children in the care of the Local Authority (LAC) ● Children whose families are subject to Child Protection Plans or Child in Need Plans ● Children who have Education Health Care Plans ● Children open to CAF and TAF Plans ● Children with ongoing Mental Health Concerns ● Children Eligible for Free School Meals ● Children who sit on our internal “Cause for Concern” list - pupils whose families have declined referrals to services or who are on the edge of intervention <p>These vulnerable children and their families will receive additional phone calls from a Designated Safeguarding Lead, Member of the Senior Leadership Team or member of the Pastoral Team (Mental Health First Aid Trained).</p> <p>These Contacts again will be recorded on CPOMS and action taken where needed in liaising with external services.</p>
<p>Communication</p>	<p>Where necessary additional contact will be made with families to check on their welfare and assist in maintaining routines.</p> <p>In addition the Senior Leadership Team will disseminate information to parents via text message routinely to inform them of services or websites that might assist in learning and keeping children safe.</p> <p>Parents have access to contact details for the Head Teacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead on the School Website. They are also able to access contact details of the Local Authority Designated Officer and the School’s Safeguarding Advisor.</p>
<p>Supporting Families on Free School Meals</p>	<p>Families who are eligible for free school meals are being provided with access to shopping vouchers redeemable at a supermarket of their choice. These vouchers are accessed via text message and email on a weekly basis.</p> <p>In addition Parents can access:</p> <p>Burnley: St Matthew's to be a hub to receive and distribute provisions in our local area. Contact: Alex Frost: 07814 052919 alextheanglican@hotmail.com St. Matthews Church, Harriet Street, Burnley BB11 4JJ</p> <p>Pendle: Colne Open Door Centre</p>

	<p>Contact: Dawn Lange Colne Open Door Centre Ltd, 1 Great George Street, Colne, BB8 0SY. Tel: 01282 860 342</p> <p>Salvation Army: Stanley St, Nelson, BB9 7EL, Email address: carol.ainsworth@salvationarmy.org.uk, Phone: 01282 693670</p>
<p>Mental Health</p>	<p>The Mental Health and Wellbeing of our pupils is paramount and we are well aware that their normal routes of support will be disrupted. As such our ELCAS Link Worker, a Registered Mental Health Nurse, will upon request make contact with families to discuss routes of support where we have concerns.</p> <p>Staff will need consent from parents for Claire to call and will need to email her (cbarker@coalclough.org) and the elcas referral email address (elcas.referrals@elht.nhs.uk) with the concerns.</p> <p>Those pupils who are already accessing support from Mental Health services will continue to have access through telephone consultations.</p> <p>Young People can also access:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Kooth at kooth.com - online Counselling ● Papyrus Hopeline - 0800 0684141 - Help for Suicidal Thoughts ● The Youth Zone, Whittam Street, Burnley, BB11 1LW. e-mail; Kathryn.Bancroft@lancashire.gov.uk ● The Zone (or Nelson Youth Centre), Leeds Road, Nelson, BB9 8EL. Phone: 01282 447450 ● www.youngminds.org.uk Information for children and young people about mental health and wellbeing. Free 24/7 crisis messenger – Text YM to 85258 ● www.childline.org.uk Free confidential service to help young people under 19 with any issue they are going through. Helpline – 0800 11 11 ● www.themix.org.uk The Mix's Crisis Messenger text service is available 24/7 and open to anyone aged 25 or under living in the UK. If you're in crisis and need to talk, text THEMIX to 85258 Helpline: 0800 808 4994 <p>We also know that Parent's Mental Health could be affected by the current situation, they can access:</p> <p>Samaritans - 116123 - Samaritans - jo@samaritans.org</p> <p>Other Support: Children's Social Care if parents are struggling: 0300 123 6720 (0330 123 6722 outside working hours)</p>

	<p>In cases where we feel that a pupil's mental health is deteriorating we will recommend a referral to the Crisis Team. Where we have immediate concerns for pupils and parents feel they can't keep their child safe we will recommend that parents contact the ambulance service on 999.</p>
<p>Liaison with Services</p>	<p>In line with Government Advice face to face meetings with professionals had been halted before the closure of school. As such Meetings for Looked After Children, Children on Child Protection Plans and Child in Need Plans will continue via skype.</p> <p>Where we feel it necessary, and we have consent where appropriate, we will continue to refer into services, such as Children's Social Care as needed.</p> <p>Where we have concerns for a young person due to not being able to make contact with the family or worries that come out of conversations with parents or carers, we will request a welfare check from the Police. This will be done by ringing 101 or emailing the control room directly.</p> <p>School Nurses will continue to support those identified as vulnerable, and those who become vulnerable during this time. This will be done by telephone where possible and can be supported by chathealth - https://lancsyouthpeoplefamilyservice.co.uk/</p>
<p>Online Safety</p>	<p>Pupils have been asked to access work online at home during the school closure. This means that their access to the internet is not protected by our filtering systems.</p> <p>Parents have had information about keeping children safe online. Parents will also be reminded throughout the closure of routes of support with online safety, and other issues, via text.</p> <p>Pupils have also had recent sessions on online safety and routes of support are below.</p>
<p>Peer on Peer Abuse</p>	<p>As pupils are not in school parents will be advised to report any concerns of harassment or online or face to face bullying to the police. This can be done by ringing 101.</p>
<p>Contacts for Parents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Childline - for support - 0800 11 11 ● UK Safer Internet Centre - to report and remove harmful online content ● CEOP - for advice on making a report about online abuse ● Internet matters - for support for parents and carers to keep

	<p>their children safe online</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Net-aware - for support for parents and carers from the NSPCC ● Parent info - for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online ● Thinkuknow - for advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online ● UK Safer Internet Centre - advice for parents and carers ● Kooth at kooth.com - online Counselling ● https://lancsyoungeoplefamilyservice.co.uk/ - Hopeline - 0800 0684141 - Help for Suicidal Thoughts ● The Youth Zone, Whittam Street, Burnley, BB11 1LW. e-mail; Kathryn.Bancroft@lancashire.gov.uk ● The Zone (or Nelson Youth Centre), Leeds Road, Nelson, BB9 8EL. Phone: 01282 447450 ● www.youngminds.org.uk Information for children and young people about mental health and wellbeing. Free 24/7 crisis messenger – Text YM to 85258 ● www.childline.org.uk Free confidential service to help young people under 19 with any issue they are going through. Helpline – 0800 11 11 ● www.themix.org.uk The Mix’s Crisis Messenger text service is available 24/7 and open to anyone aged 25 or under living in the UK. If you’re in crisis and need to talk, text THEMIX to 85258 Helpline: 0800 808 4994 ● Refuge - Domestic Abuse Support - 0808 2000 247 ● Samaritans - 116123 - jo@samaritans.org ● Police - 101/999 ● Lancashire Healthy Young People and Families Service - https://lancsyoungeoplefamilyservice.co.uk/ - 0300 247 0040 ● Children’s Social Care: 0300 123 6720 (0330 123 6722 outside working hours) - cypreferrals@lancashire.gov.uk
Designated Safeguarding Leads	<p>Nathanial Eatwell - neatwell@coalclough.org - 07715 661361</p> <p>Holly Clarke - hclarke@coalclough.org - 07591 202 264</p> <p>Lauren Keenan - lkeenan@coalclough.org - 07870 104 979</p> <p>Darren Tahir - dtahir@coalclough.org (Designated Teacher for LAC Pupils)</p> <p>Sonya Doody - sdoody@coalclough.org</p> <p>Chris Whittaker - cwhittaker@coalclough.org - 07766 971051</p>

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Local Authority Contacts	Children's Social Care: 0300 123 6720 (0330 123 6722 outside working hours) - cypreferrals@lancashire.gov.uk
	Local Authority Designated Officer - Tim Booth - tim.booth@lancashire.gov.uk - 01772 536 694
	LCC Schools Safeguarding Officer - Tammy Tywang - tammy.tywang@lancashire.gov.uk - 01772 531196
	Early Support Coordinators - Jenny Ashton - jennifer.ashton@lancashire.gov.uk - 01772 531643 Matt Chipchase - matt.chipchase@lancashire.gov.uk - 01254 220989
	Whistleblowing - 01772 532500 - WhistleblowingComplaints@lancashire.gov.uk
	NSPCC Whistleblowing Helpline - 0800 028 0285
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