

## **Child protection policy**

### **Supplementary guidance during Covid 19 crisis**

- The Academy will regularly review and update policy following advice from GOV.UK
- All staff should report any concerns about a child in the normal way as per the Child Protection policy and using My Concern.
- All staff should continue to act immediately on any safeguarding concerns.
- There will be a DSL/Deputy DSL available at all times that the Academy is open. This will either be in person in the Academy or available by telephone. This includes during the Easter holidays.
- Academy staff will continue to work with and support children's social workers and the Local Authority Virtual School Head for Looked After and previously Looked After children. Social Workers will be informed when "vulnerable children" have chosen not to attend the Academy during the Covid 19 period.
- When staff are aware of peer on peer abuse, they will report this in the normal way and as per the guidance set out in part 5 of Keeping Children Safe in Education.
- If staff have a concern about a member of staff who pose a risk to children, this should be reported immediately to the DSL on duty and as per the procedures set out in the Child Protection Policy.
- Safeguarding staff will meet weekly to review on-site provision for both vulnerable children and those "on the edge" of this category – children who staff deem to be "at risk" due to evolving home situations will be encouraged to attend provision.
- The Pastoral team will contact those children who do not meet the definition of "vulnerable" by means of a weekly telephone call during term time. Parents contacted will be signposted to other services if required and any safeguarding referrals will be submitted as per the normal procedures.
- Information is available on the Academy website regarding keeping children safe, including online safety. Information on support services and online safety has also been sent out to parents/carers.

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