

## Schools Safeguarding Service Briefing – Interim Safeguarding Arrangements during Covid-19 Pandemic

### Background

On 27<sup>th</sup> March the DfE published guidance to schools in fulfilling their safeguarding responsibilities during the pandemic restrictions. This is available at –

<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>

This briefing is intended to assist schools translate the government advice into the context of their school using the template and guidance below. This should form an addendum to your established Safeguarding Policy and be reviewed as necessary.

### (Larches High School) – Covid-19 Addendum to School Safeguarding Policy

KEY AREA	CONTENT
Maintaining links with safeguarding partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The school will check briefings from the DfE, Lancashire County Council (add others as appropriate) and local Safeguarding Advisers in LCC and MASH</li></ul>
Referrals to CSC and LADO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>LADO Services are operating during the pandemic, using Skype as necessary and so any concerns about harm to children are subject to consultation with LADO as in normal operating.</li><li>CSC can be contacted on 0300 123 6720 (no hot-line services) and <a href="mailto:cypreferrals@lancashire.gov.uk">cypreferrals@lancashire.gov.uk</a></li><li>The Schools Safeguarding Advice Line and MASH Education Officers are still available and will be used for advice about threshold and wider safeguarding concerns.</li></ul>
Designated Safeguarding Lead	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A trained DSL is available on site when school is open; however, should a trained DSL not be available they can be contacted on: on 0792917799 or 07967630212.</li><li>If no DSL is available to school – staff can seek further guidance from the County Safeguarding advice line 01772 531196</li><li>Children in our setting – we will ensure that if children from another school are being cared for on our site or vice versa then links will be in place between the respective DSL functions to share information.</li><li>We will ensure arrangements to ensure that all staff, including volunteers and any adults who are not familiar with the setting know who to speak to if they have concerns about a child.</li><li>We will have arrangements to ensure that all adults on school site understand the schools commitment to acting immediately in response to any safeguarding concerns</li></ul>
Supporting Vulnerable Children (allocated to a social worker)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The DSLs will continue to contribute to all meetings via Skype / telephone calls / emails and prior prepared reports.</li><li>The school's safeguarding team will make weekly contact with vulnerable families through phone calls and texts – all contact will be logged on Behaviour Watch.</li><li>Vulnerable families will be given the mobile numbers of the DSLs.</li><li>The DSL contacted all the allocated SWs with the educational arrangements for vulnerable pupils and will remain in contact with SWs throughout this time.</li><li>The DSL and SW will agree on interim safeguarding plans for all vulnerable families.</li><li>The DSLs will regularly distribute relevant information to the LA, VHT, SEND and CSC Managers.</li></ul>
Supporting potentially Vulnerable Children (not	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Prior to Covid-19, the safeguarding team met weekly to discuss all pupils. All potentially vulnerable pupils have been allocated to a member of the safeguarding team.</li></ul>

allocated to a social worker)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school's safeguarding team will make weekly contact with potentially vulnerable families through phone calls and texts – all contact will be logged on Behaviour Watch.</li> <li>The DSL contacted all the allocated CFWs with the educational arrangements for potentially vulnerable pupils and will remain in contact with CFWs throughout this time.</li> </ul>
Peer on peer abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school's safeguarding team will make weekly contact with families through phone calls and texts – all contact will be logged on Behaviour Watch.</li> <li>Any concerns raised will be shared with the DSLs who will have a discussion to determine what additional actions / support could be put into place.</li> <li>This could include speaking to parents / pupils and seeking advice from MASH / Schools Safeguarding Officer</li> </ul>
Online Safeguarding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All pupils have been given a school email account and access to Microsoft Teams</li> <li>Class teachers use this to communicate with pupils and to set work; online activity is monitored remotely.</li> <li>Families are called weekly and given an opportunity to discuss progress on online learning – any difficulties are followed up with IT support calls.</li> <li>All contact is logged on Behaviour Watch.</li> <li>Parents / carers have been made aware for the need for online Safety when pupils are accessing work in the home.</li> </ul>
Children with specific health needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All pupils have Support Plans that are updated on Behaviour Watch</li> <li>Any additional information like EP, OT, SALT reports and EHCPs are emailed to all staff and attached to Behaviour Watch</li> <li>Support Plan targets are reviewed and updated termly</li> <li>All known health needs are mentioned on Behaviour Watch</li> <li>During the weekly telephone calls to family staff enquire about the pupils' health and all logs are recorded on Behaviour Watch</li> </ul>
Safer Recruitment & use of Volunteers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During this period Larches will not be recruiting or be taking on any volunteers.</li> <li>Should the LA relocate staff and direct volunteers to the school Larches will ensure that it is in line with 167-172 of KCSIE.</li> <li>All staff, staff relocated to the school, and volunteers will be given a copy of the staff code of conduct prior to starting any duties.</li> <li>Any volunteers will be individually risk-assessed</li> </ul>
Operation Encompass	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>When Larches receives an Operation Encompass notification the DSLs will have a discussion to determine what additional actions / support could be put into place.</li> <li>This could include speaking to parents and seeking advice from MASH / Schools Safeguarding Officer.</li> </ul>

Named person responsible for ensuring staff are aware of the above.

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DATE: 01/04/2020

Named governor aware of the school/colleges interim arrangements

GOVERNOR NAME: Barry Probin

DATE: 02/04/2020