

Lansdowne Turney Federation

Annex to Child Protect and Safeguarding Policy Safeguarding during the period of enforced school closure caused by COVID-19 Pandemic

Leading Principles

The way schools and colleges are currently operating in response to coronavirus (COVID-19) is different, however, a number of important safeguarding principles remain the same:

- With regard to safeguarding, the best interests of children must always continue to come first
- If anyone in a school has a safeguarding concern about any child they should continue to act and act immediately
- A DSL or Deputy DSL should be available
- It is essential that unsuitable people are not allowed to enter the children's workforce and/or gain access to children
- children should continue to be protected when they are online

The Lansdowne Turney Federation staff will continue to work with and support children's social workers to help protect vulnerable children. This will be especially important during the COVID-19 period.

Reporting Safeguarding Concerns

It is important that all stakeholders continue to act immediately on any safeguarding concerns. Where members of staff or the community have safeguarding concerns which can no longer be raised in person in the ongoing lockdown, they can be raised through the following channels:

if you have any safeguarding concerns or queries you can contact the following Safeguarding Leads who will aim to return you call within 24 hours.

Turney School		Lansdowne School	
Safeguarding Leader	Jo Tovey 07591201745	Safeguarding Lead	Nikki Mitchell 07484915050
Deputy Safeguarding Lead	Magdalena Karpik 07587256148	Deputy Safeguarding Lead	Jon Juckes 07494 896510
Deputy Safeguarding Lead	Linda Adams 07467958914	Deputy Safeguarding Lead	Linda Adams 07467958914

If your safeguarding need is urgent you can contact Social Services on:

Lambeth 020 7926 5555	Southwark 020 7525 1921	Croydon 020 8255 2888
Wandsworth 020 8871 6622 (out of hours: 020 8871 6000)	Greenwich 020 8854 8888	Merton 020 8545 4226

In an emergency, please call 999

If there are concerns about a staff member or volunteer who may pose a safeguarding risk to children or young people, staff should continue to follow existing procedures detailed in section 17, page 11 of the school Child Protection Policy (reporting to the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors)

Safeguarding and Support Vulnerable Pupils and Children of Key Workers

Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those children and young people up to the age of 25 with EHC plans. Further information can be found for [Guidance on vulnerable children and young people](#)

Students with an EHC plan will be risk-assessed by the school in consultation with the local authority (LA) to decide whether they need to continue to be offered a school or place in order to meet their needs, or whether they can safely have their needs met at home. Most children and young people with EHC plans have needs that can be met at home, because they are not receiving personal care from the school, or their limited need for personal care can be met in the home; in these circumstances they should remain at home, to limit exposure or transmission of the Covid19 virus.

Students who have a social worker: there is an expectation that children with a named social worker; those on a Child Protection Plan or on a Child in Need Plan, will attend school provision, unless in consultation with the child's social worker and family it is agreed this is not in the best interests of the child.

Students of key workers: where children of critical workers cannot be accommodated at home, a small proportion of students may need to access the school site to work under staff supervision during the school day. Critical workers are defined as parents whose work is critical to the COVID-19 response, including those who work in health and social care and in other critical sectors. However, many parents working in these critical sectors will be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

Where the needs of vulnerable students or those of key workers cannot be met at home:

- School will ensure there are systems in place to check on the welfare of any child expected to access in-school provision who does not attend on any day.
- School will implement guidance on hygiene and social distancing provided by the government: [Guidance on social distancing for everyone in the uk](#)

Arrangements for Safeguarding Students who are learning remotely

The school will implement additional procedures including:

- The safeguarding team will contact the most vulnerable students via phone on a regular basis
- The safeguarding team will remain in contact and update the relevant social workers

Safeguarding students accessing school on-site provision (vulnerable students and children of key workers)

- Promotion of e-safety guidance, specifically how students and staff can keep themselves safe online, through regular school updates and guidance below
- Communication of this annex to all parents/carers

Online safeguarding

Students who are working online have very clear reporting routes in place so they can raise any concerns whilst online. As well as reporting any concerns to the school, students can also access age-appropriate practical support from the likes of:

- [Childline](#) for support
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#) to report and remove harmful online content
- [CEOP](#) for advice on making a report about online abuse

Support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online includes:

- [Internet Matters](#) for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [London Grid for Learning](#) for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online
- [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

Parents/carers should encourage students who are working online to do so in a shared space where possible, to keep webcams covered and not stream live images of themselves or others online.

Remote Working and Use of Technology

Whilst working remotely during the coronavirus outbreak, it is important to note that personal data must at all times continue to be processed and stored in accordance with Data Protection principles.

You should not use personal devices to communicate with pupils or their families, store personal data on personal devices or download and use apps onto work or personal devices (phones/laptops/tablet computers) without express authorisation from the Executive Headteacher.

Looked After Children

The school will continue to work with and support children's social workers and the local authority virtual school head (VSH) for looked-after and previously looked-after children.

Peer-on-peer and domestic abuse

All stakeholders should be alert to the increased risk of peer on peer abuse and domestic violence that can result from isolation and lockdown, and report concerns promptly.

Hub settings or coloration with other schools

In the event of the school collaborating with other schools to cluster children and/or staff from multiple settings in one place, the principles in Keeping Children Safe In Education (KCSIE) continue to apply. In particular, the school which is acting as the hub in the cluster should continue to provide a safe environment, keep children safe and ensure staff and volunteers have been appropriately checked and risk assessments carried out as required.

It is important that all staff and volunteers are aware of the revised arrangements in this annex to the policy, and are kept up to date as it is revised. The Child Protection Policy and this annex will continue to be made available publicly.