

Addendum to Child Protection Policy due to the circumstances of COVID-19

Due to the current unprecedented circumstances of the COVID-19 virus, it is necessary that all Schools and Academies are prepared and have appropriate arrangements in place in relation to the management of any safeguarding or child protection concerns both on and off site during this time. Therefore, we have produced this cover note/addendum to our existing Child Protection Policy to ensure full awareness and understanding of our protocols for managing child protection concerns during this time.

Designated Safeguarding Leads

While the majority of our academy sites remain open for vulnerable children and children of key workers, the Designated Safeguarding Leads are detailed below. At least one Designated Safeguarding Lead will be on site at all times.

Horizons Specialist Academy Trust – Trust Designated Safeguarding Leads
Carly Beecroft – SAFEGUARDING & EARLY HELP LEAD/DSL (carly.beecroft@horizonstrust.org.uk)
Lee Alexander – LAC SUPPORT OFFICER/DSL (lee.alexander@horizonstrust.org.uk)

NAME OF ACADEMY	Abbey Hill Academy (01642 677113)
	NAMED DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADS
	Rebecca Whelan – PRINCIPAL/DSL (Rebecca.whelan@horizonstrust.org.uk)
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	Joanna McDonagh - VICE PRINCIPAL/DDSL (joanna.mcdonagh@horizonstrust.org.uk)
	Sarah O'Donnell – VICE PRINCIPAL/DDSL (sarah.odonnell@horizonstrust.org.uk)
	Melissa Fisher – VICE PRINCIPAL/DDSL (Melissa.fisher@horizonstrust.org.uk)

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NAMED DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADS	
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Steve Cropper – ASSISTANT VICE PRINCIPAL/DDSL (steve.cropper@horizontrust.org.uk)	

NAME OF ACADEMY	Green Gates Academy (01642 570104)
NAMED DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADS	
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Annabel Baird – PARENT SUPPORT ADVISOR/DDSL (annabel.baird@horizontrust.org.uk)	

NAME OF ACADEMY	Hollis Academy (01642 855010)
NAMED DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADS	
Karl Fenton – PRINCIPAL/DSL (karl.fenton@horizontrust.org.uk)	
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Janet Anderson – INCLUSION MANAGER/DDSL (janet.anderson@horizontrust.org.uk)	
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NAME OF ACADEMY	Mo Mowlam Academy (01642 779292)
	Rachel Glover - PRINCIPAL/DSL/LACDT (Rachel.glover@horizontrust.org.uk)
	Claire Naisbitt – VICE PRINCIPAL/DDSL/LACDT (claire.naisbitt@horizontrust.org.uk)
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NAME OF ACADEMY	Westlands Academy (01642 883030)
	James Newman - PRINCIPAL/DSL (james.newman@horizontrust.org.uk)
	Steve Thomas – VICE PRINCIPAL/DDSL (stephen.thomas@horizontrust.org.uk)

Arrangements for contact with vulnerable children

Where our Academies remain open, the Designated Safeguarding Leads are fully aware of their vulnerable children and those they are expecting into the Academy each day. Should that child not arrive then the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Deputy will make contact with the parent or carer immediately and if no response appropriate safeguarding action will be taken.

Designated Safeguarding Leads will continue to contact vulnerable children and their families in the following timescales if the Academy is closed or these children are not on site:

Children who are the subject of a Child Protection Plan (3 x weekly),

Children who have a Child in Need Plan (2 x weekly),

Looked After Children (2 x weekly dependent on the child's individual placement needs),

Children who have an Early Help Assessment (1 x weekly), Children who have an EHCP (1 x weekly).

If there are any issues raised during this time regarding their care, safety or ability to be contacted then the Designated Safeguarding Lead/Deputy will follow their local safeguarding procedures and contact their local front door services immediately (as per our Child Protection Policy).

Availability and contact arrangements for families and professionals who wish to make contact with the Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies

During these unprecedented circumstances, the Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies will be available to be contacted by children, families and other services and agencies to ensure the safety and well-being of all our vulnerable children. They can be contacted via the individual Academy telephone number or by the email addresses listed.

Contact with the Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies should be within the hours of the school day 9am-3.30pm ONLY.

Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies cannot be responsible for not receiving calls and messages outside of these times. In the event that children or families need support immediately, please contact our front door services (as per the information within the Child Protection Policy) or contact the Police.

Safeguarding and Remote Learning

As a result of Covid19 there is now a far greater emphasis on remote learning. While this is happening, it is important that all staff at Horizons Specialist Academy Trust continue to follow safeguarding procedures and access regular training to support their awareness of potential online safety concerns. The Trust's Remote Learning Policy details our commitment to safeguarding during any periods of remote learning and contains specific actions and expectations of staff, pupils and parent/carers. Alongside of the Remote Learning Policy, Horizons Specialist Academy Trust will continue to adhere to and follow DfE guidance regarding safeguarding, remote learning and online safety. This guidance includes:

Keeping Children Safe in Education

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>

DfE Safeguarding and remote education during coronavirus (COVID-19)

[Safeguarding and remote education during coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK](#)

www.gov.uk

DfE Keeping Children safe online

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): keeping children safe online - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Response to safeguarding or child protection concerns

As always, Horizons Specialist Academy Trust's duty of care is to keep children safe. Whilst the arrangements of the physical care of children and physical presence of our Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies may be different during this time, the Trust's response to any potential safeguarding or child protection concerns remains the same and follows the guidelines as set out in our Child Protection Policy.

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