

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

On Site: While the majority of our academy sites remain open for vulnerable children and children of key workers, the Designated Safeguarding Leads are detailed below*.

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Easter holiday arrangements

The Following Designated Safeguarding Leads will be available during the Easter holidays.

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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.

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.