

Wilton Primary Academy

Addendum to Child Protection Policy

Due to circumstances of COVID-19

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Due to the current unprecedented circumstances of the COVID-19 virus it is necessary that all schools 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 trust and academies Child Protection Policy to ensure all staff, trustees and parents understand our protocols for managing child protection concerns during this time.

Designated Safeguarding Leads and Deputies

Due to these unprecedented circumstances our school has chosen to close and send our vulnerable children to Dormanstown Primary Academy. They can be contacted on 01642 483696 and their Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies are Gillian Wilson, Alison Hill and Helen Duffy. Our Wilton safeguarding team are working from the site and are available on the number above. Information regarding these children has been shared between our school and theirs in the interests of safeguarding and protecting our children. This information has followed appropriate confidentiality protocols and is in line with the GDPR and Data Protection Act.

Week Beginning	Safeguarding and Welfare Staff at Dormanstown Primary Academy
30.3.2020	Gillian Wilson
6.4.2020	Gillian Wilson and James Hunter
13.4.2020	Alison Hill, Hellen Duffy and Allison Barron
20.4.2020	James Hunter and Helen Duffy
27.4.2020	Alison Hill and Allison Barron
4.5.2020	Gillian Wilson
11.5.2020	James Hunter and Helen Duffy
18.5.2020	Alison Hill and Allison Barron

Arrangements for Contact with Vulnerable Children

As our academy remains open, the Designated Safeguarding Leads and Deputies are fully aware of their vulnerable children and those they are expecting into school 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 contact front door services immediately.

The contact number for the South Tees Multi Agency is 01642 130 700 or Email: southteesmach@redcar-cleveland.gov.uk

Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies will continue to contact and /or have sighting over vulnerable children and their families in the following timescales if the academy is closed or these children are not on site:

Children the subject of a Child Protection Plan (twice weekly as minimum)

Children who have a Child in Need Plan (twice weekly)

Looked After Children (twice weekly dependent on the child’s individual placement needs)

Children with an Early Help Plan (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 school telephone number in the first instance and whether they are on or off site they will gain contact with any family or professional as soon as possible.

Contact with the Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies should be within the hours of the school day 9am-3pm ONLY.

In the event that children or families needing support immediately please contact front door services immediately (as per the information within the Child Protection Policy) or contact the Police

Response to safeguarding or child protection concerns

As always our academy's duty of care is to keep children safe and while the arrangements of the physical care of children and physical presence of our Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies may be different during this time the school's response remains the same and follows the guidelines as set out in our school's Child Protection Policy.

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<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>