

## SENDAT safeguarding policy – COVID-19 Appendix - 31-3-2020

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1. Any updated advice received from the local 3 safeguarding partners (Local Authority, Clinical Commissioning Group and police) will be disseminated by the DSL, Headteacher / Head of School or CEO as appropriate to the relevant staff.
2. Any updated advice received from the local authority regarding children with education, health and care (EHC) plans, the local authority designated officer and children's social care, reporting mechanisms, referral thresholds and children in need will be disseminated by the DSL, Headteacher / Head of School or CEO as appropriate to the relevant staff.
3. If staff and volunteers have any concerns about a child they should:
  - Report using CPOMS
  - If staff do not have access to CPOMS, they should send an email to [safeguarding@sendat.academy](mailto:safeguarding@sendat.academy) listing concerns and their contact phone number Following the email/ cpoms staff will be contacted by a DSL

Email for SENDAT safeguarding team:  
[safeguarding@sendat.academy](mailto:safeguarding@sendat.academy) this is sent to Heads of school/ headteacher of SENDAT schools, Georgina Lewis and Lawrence Chapman
4. It continues to be vital that all staff and volunteers act immediately on any safeguarding concerns
5. There is no change to the role and responsibilities of the DSL (and deputy).
6. It remains important for all staff 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
7. Peer on peer abuse – continues to be something to be aware of especially on social media and online contact. Staff will monitor this through their welfare calls and raise any concerns that arise. Further reminders to be issued to staff and parents for example about online gaming and social media.
  - If staff and volunteers have concerns about a staff member or volunteer who may pose a safeguarding risk to children they

should follow the procedures set out in the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy. If they are unable to speak to the Headteacher, Head of School, they should contact Lawrence Chapman [Lawrence.chapman@sendat.academy](mailto:Lawrence.chapman@sendat.academy) mobile 07462525198

8. what arrangements are in place to keep children not physically attending the school or college safe, especially online and how concerns about these children should be progressed.

All SENDAT setting advise parents and carers about how to manage online safety at home as a matter of course, including social media and gaming. During events like the COVID-19 lockdown, reminders and regular updates about keeping safe at home and online will be sent via parent communication channels, Facebook and are available from the settings' websites.

It is important that all staff and volunteers are aware of the new policy and are kept up to date as it is revised. The revised policy should continue to be made available publicly.

- All students have been assessed for need. Those with the highest need will be called or contact made every couple of days or daily as appropriate. Every family will be called or contacted at least weekly. Where no contact is made Senior staff may authorise a doorstep visit to get “eyes on” a student. These processes should continue during “normal” holiday periods. The calls are logged on the school tracking spreadsheet and on CPOMS. Senior staff are responsible for the monitoring of these.
- Work is being set online and hard copies being posted.
- Welfare boxes have been distributed to families on Free School Meals. We expect to move to a National Voucher scheme if announced for the Summer term.

## DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEADS (DSL)

The optimal scenario for any SENDAT provision is to have a trained DSL or deputy available on site. It is recognised this may not be possible, and where this is the case, a trained DSL or deputy from SENDAT can be contacted via phone or online video - for example working from home

The [safeguarding@sendat.academy](mailto:safeguarding@sendat.academy) email is received by the main DSLs within the Trust. This information is posted on the settings' websites and referenced in autoresponders set up by each setting.

Recruitment remains a priority for SENDAT and normal measures are not changed.