



Brambles 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

On Site: While our academy site remains open for vulnerable children and children of key workers, the Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies are Mrs Stogdale, Ms Gleave, Mrs Gill, Mr Higgins, Miss Beever and Mrs Walker. They continue to be our Designated Safeguarding Leads/Deputies due to their level of training and skill. However due to these unprecedented circumstances they will not all physically be on our academy site every day. If any incidents of a child protection nature occur, a member of the safeguarding team will be on site, and will ensure all policy and procedures are followed. This has been organised as follows, and will be regularly reviewed and updated in line with levels of closure.

Week Beginning	Safeguarding and welfare staff in the academy
30.3.2020	Mr Higgins, Miss Beever
6.4.2020	Ms Gleave, Mrs Gill
13.4.2020	Mrs Stogdale, Mrs Walker
20.4.2020	Mr Higgins, Miss Beever
27.4.2020	Ms Gleave, Mrs Gill
4.5.2020	Mrs Stogdale, Mrs Walker

Should our school site be entirely closed then we will update our website and Child Protection Policy with our arrangements.

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.

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. This includes the Easter Holidays, but not bank holidays.

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>