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## COVID-19 SAFEGUARDING GUIDANCE – UPDATE 2

Kesgrave High School has an effective Safeguarding/Child Protection Policy in place but in light of the continued COVID-19 pandemic we want to provide our school community with an update.

Whilst we are implementing protective measures into our setting, our safeguarding principles will largely remain the same; Keeping Children Safe in Education 2019 and PREVENT Duty 2015 remain in place.

### Designated Safeguarding Lead (“DSL”)

A trained DSL/Deputy will be available on school site during school opening hours and in addition to this there is no email address to report or raise any concerns: [safeguarding@kesgrave.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@kesgrave.suffolk.sch.uk).

Currently, the weekly safeguarding timetable is as follows:

Monday	Roz Coe and Teresa Rush (including Online Safety)
Tuesday	Roz Coe and Kerry Dring
Wednesday	Liz Newman
Thursday	Liz Newman
Friday	Teresa Rush (including Online Safety)

### Vulnerable Children

Vulnerable children include those that have a social worker and those children and young people up to the age of 25 with education and health care (EHC) plans, **where appropriate**

The DSL/Deputies remain the points of contact for any vulnerable children on roll with Kesgrave High School and will continue to liaise with external providers and families where appropriate.

Regular welfare calls are being undertaken by the Pastoral team and SEND department and any concerns arising are followed up.

### Attendance

The Department for Education (“DfE”) has updated the online attendance form which is completed and submitted daily. We will continue to work with families to ensure their children return to school as and when it’s appropriate to do so. Year 10 and 12’s parents/carers have all been contacted to outline the protocols in place for the coming weeks.

### Risk Assessment

A risk assessment has been completed for the school to ensure that requirements are met in line with Covid-19 government guidance.

### Staff safeguarding training and induction

The school Safeguarding Leads are keeping up to date with safeguarding developments through a variety of forums and webinars, sharing this gained knowledge with appropriate staff.



### **Students Moving Schools and Colleges**

In the event of a student moving to another setting, in line with current practice we will ensure that all relevant information is passed on to the receiving educational provision in line with data protection and GDPR. We have been in communication with primary schools regarding safeguarding information in line with the transition process.

### **Movement of Staff**

There is currently an ongoing weekly rota in place for staff who are expected in school. Staff are required to sign in/out of the building and physical attendance is being minimized with social distancing observed.

### **Mental Health**

Negative experiences and distressing life events, such as the current circumstances, can affect the mental health of our school community. Staff are aware of this in setting expectations of students' work where they are at home. Following government advice appropriate amendments have been made.

We have opened our email system up to all students to enable them to make contact with staff from both a pastoral and academic viewpoint as and when required. Resources have also been shared with our school community where appropriate.

Where students of key workers and who are deemed vulnerable are on school site, our staff will ensure appropriate support is in place for them. Our guidance on mental health and behaviour in schools sets out how mental health issues can bring about changes in a young person's behaviour or emotional state which can be displayed in a range of different ways, and that can be an indication of an underlying problem. Support for students in the current circumstances will include pastoral provision (although this may be delivered in different ways, for example over the phone/email/firefly) or from specialist staff or support services.

### **Online Safety in School**

It is more important than ever that school provides a safe environment, including online. Kesgrave High School will continue to ensure that appropriate filters and monitoring systems are in place to protect students when they are online with the school or recommended resources from external providers and whilst accessing their learning remotely.

Students have been issued with appropriate user guidance information when contacting staff

Any external online safety concerns can be directed to safeguarding team.

The whole school, including Governors, Senior Leadership, all staff and our partners, will continue to deliver the best possible environment for learning during these difficult, and continually evolving times.

We will continue to keep you apprised of any specific development for Kesgrave High School as these become known.

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