



SAFEGUARDING POLICY DURING COVID 19 SCHOOL CLOSURE

The academy will continue its role to safeguard our families and children during the exceptional time of school closure and home schooling.

Our Aims:

- Ensure all pupils have contact from staff, at least once per week.
- Where possible learning can continue at home through work provided by Teachers and TA's
- Teachers and TA's to continue to have an oversight of academic progress through monitoring.
- Families currently being supported will have additional contact and support so that any concerns can be addressed at the earliest stage

Children currently receiving support from a member of Rochdale Children's Social Care Team:

Weekly visits to family home, doorstep contact, with all children seen will take place from the family worker / social worker

There will be phone contact twice a week from a school representative

There will be an offer of a packed lunch through school

The school 's designated safeguarding leaders will continue to liaise with all necessary professionals as usual.

All actions carried out in relation to safeguarding will continue to be recorded using the school system

The safeguarding leaders will liaise with the school teachers to monitor engagement and wellbeing of children

Children /families who have received or are currently receiving support from the school with regards to a pupil's welfare:

Weekly contact once a week from a school representative

During this session, the school representative will ask to talk with the child/ren

All actions carried out in relation to safeguarding will continue to be recorded using the school system

The safeguarding leaders will liaise with the school teachers to monitor engagement and wellbeing of children

Children with EHCP Plans:

Class teachers will monitor engagement and completion of online learning and report any concerns to Principal / Vice Principal / Designated Safeguarding Leaders so that contact can be made to support the family in meeting the child's needs

The nominated 1:1 teaching assistant will check in with the family and child on a daily basis and will speak to the child / family at least twice a week

All actions carried out in relation to safeguarding will continue to be recorded using the school system

Children on Free School Meals / Families under Financial Difficulties

Phone contact at least once per week from a school representative

The school will identify which FSM parents would like a packed lunch and which families would prefer to be supported through the voucher scheme

Packed lunches will be made up through school catering

The Community liaison officer will give food bank information

Universal Safeguarding Procedures

Term Time Safeguarding

The school's DSL/DDSL will continue to issue safeguarding briefings and updates to all staff and parents during the time of school closure.

Teachers and support staff will continue to monitor pupil engagement and well-being remotely and report any concerns to the school's DSLs : Ms Roche and Mrs Lewis. If needed the schools' DSLs will refer the concern to the school closure DSLs.

All concerns will be recorded on the school recording system

A school representative may contact a family where they have a concern using their personal phone. However where this is carried out, the school representative must withhold their telephone number and will record the call on CPOMs. Where there are difficulties in contacting a family, the staff member will make the DSL/DDSL aware of this.

Where there is an immediate concern / danger/ teachers and support staff will directly contact **Andrew Officer & Ms Lisa Matthews (during term time –Ms Matthews will be back on site after Easter holidays).**

The onsite temporary school closure safeguarding leaders, may conduct a home visit, where it is deemed necessary. In all such cases, 2 members of staff will attend, one being the designated onsite safeguarding leader identified in this temporary policy. They will make a doorstep visit and children **MUST** be seen. Where a home visit is made and no contact is made with the family, the onsite

School staff who have reason to believe female genital mutilation may have taken place or is going to take place will contact the police directly.

Teachers will be issued with all safeguarding leaders telephone numbers and Children's Social Care.

No personal information of pupils will be taken from the premises (paper copies etc.)

Staff will refer any difficulties linked to CPOMs to either Roche / Mrs Lewis

Teachers will make available the telephone number for Childline : (0800 1111

<https://www.childline.org.uk> and this will be placed on the school website

Onsite safeguarding over the Easter Holidays

During the Easter holidays, the onsite safeguarding representative is Mrs Salam Hegazy. All safeguarding concerns will be referred from Mrs Hegazy to the school safeguarding leaders.

All interactions that are held under safeguarding MUST be recorded on the school safeguarding system so that a coordinated approach can be maintained and children kept safe and safeguarded from harm.

It is essential that there is maintained contact between staff. Always seek advice if you have a concern.

Ms Roche and Mrs Lewis will continue to safeguard children from logs on the school recording system; communications with staff and through interactions with outside agencies.

Ms Matthews and Mr Officer will deal with immediate safeguarding issues that may need a home visit or where there is immediate concern/ danger.

If you would like to speak to the school safeguarding leader, please ring the academy :

01706 631496 and choose Option 3 to speak to the Designated Safeguarding Leader

Other Contact Numbers

- **Rochdale Children's Social Care**

Hours: 8am – 4.45pm

Tel: **0300 303 0440**

- **Out of Hours service**

Hours: 5pm – 8am & weekends

Tel: **0300 303 8875**

Michele Lewis / Rachel Roche (Designated Safeguarding Leaders)

26th March 2020