

Toyndee Child Protection Policy – COVID 19 Addendum

Effective from 20/04/20

In all cases the school will follow the safeguarding guidance provided by the Department for Education during the school closure period. This can be found here:

<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>

With particular reference to the following:

- The **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)** is **Matthew Longden** and the **Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL)** is **Paul Lawrence**. If the DSL/DDSL are not in school, the Senior Leader in school will take responsibility for co-ordinating all safeguarding related issues on the school site, and where appropriate will make contact with DSL/DDSL if there are any safeguarding concerns.
- The Staff Rota (distributed via email) will clearly identify to all staff who the Senior Leader will be in school each day
- Staff should still refer any safeguarding concerns to the DSL/DDSL if they arise during the school closure period. These may arise from pupils, parents or from other staff. All staff can make referrals directly to Children Services by following the Toyndee Child Protection Policy which is available via <https://www.toyndee.hants.sch.uk/policies>
- Guidance Managers will make a weekly welfare telephone call to those pupils classified as 'Vulnerable' by the Department for Education. They will ascertain that the pupil is safe, maintain contact the child's allocated social worker and remind the parent/carer that the school provision remains open for their child.
- The school will submit a weekly Vulnerable Pupil return to the Local Authority
- DSL/DDSL, Designated Teacher for LAC, Guidance Managers and SENCO will continue to work closely with all external agencies, notably children's social workers, the Virtual School and SEN.
- Pupils are able to contact their Teachers or Guidance Managers with any concerns or worries from their Toyndee Email account or through 'Show My Homework'. Staff should only communicate with pupils through these platforms. In all cases, staff should refer all safeguarding concerns to the DSL/DDSL for further action and advice.
- Through Parental Bulletins, Parents will be advised to refer all safeguarding concerns to the admin@toyndee.hants.sch.uk email address marked for the attention of the 'Designated Safeguarding Lead'.