

## Colindale Primary School Safeguarding Compliance Statement for Governors June 2020

In the first week of school closure I drew up an addendum to our safeguarding policy, which I sent to Sheila Franks. Further guidance for schools was released by the DfE on 20th May 2020 -

- <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>

This guidance sets out an expectation that DSLs should ensure:

- the safeguarding policy is reviewed where needed as more children come into school.
- staff know the name of the DSL(s) and how to contact (each day)
- risk assessments link together Safeguarding and Health and Safety
- safeguarding information remains up to date
- DSLs keep up to date with safeguarding issues
- vulnerable children with social workers, or EHCPs should attend school
- Staff are aware that for many children their mental health will have been impacted
- schools do all they 'reasonably' can to ensure children at home are safe online

We have complied in the following ways:

Staff are conversant with the safeguarding policy, having all had induction training on this. In addition, they have all received a copy of the addendum which outlined how we would adapt our policy during the school closure.

Staff know that they can contact the DSL- Lindy Naphine or Deputy DSL – Wendy Wayland in person, via the phone or through our electronic system My Concern. Should the DSL or Deputy DSL be unwell, they are aware who to contact and how.

Each child with a social worker, or for whom there are ongoing safeguarding concerns, were Red Amber Green rated by the DSL, Deputy DSL and Early Help Lead and appropriate action taken.

Children with EHCPs have had a risk assessment completed by the DSL/Assistant Head for Inclusion in consultation with parents and in some cases a pediatrician and a physiotherapist. These risk assessments are updated on a weekly basis.

The DSL has attended meetings for Children in Need (CIN) and at Child Protection (CP) during the lockdown via the internet. The DSL and Deputy DSL have contacted staff in order to provide information for welfare checks requested by the MASH. (Multi-agency-safeguarding-hub).

Children with social workers were expected by the government to attend school. We have encouraged this; both of our children with social workers have been attending the keyworker/vulnerable children groups every day. Their attendance has been monitored by the DfE.

Regular, usually weekly phone calls have been made to parents of children rated as amber by our Early Help Lead to check on children's welfare.

Food parcels have been coordinated and sent to 5 families who have been grateful.

One of our children with a social worker has been approved for a laptop funded by the government, which we are expecting to be delivered this week.

During the first week of the closure, staff completed general safeguarding training.

Staff are expected to complete training on Prevent – anti-terrorism and extremism - this week.

The DSL wrote a letter to parents about safeguarding at the beginning of the lockdown. This included advice about keeping safe online. We have had one issue reported to us by a year 6 parent and we have resolved this by talking to the children's parents and counselling the child involved through an O365 Teams meeting with her teacher and SENCO.

The DSL has written to parents signposting them to reputable sites with information on mental health. The letter can be found on our website.

Contact has been made between our governor with responsibility for safeguarding and our DSL and Deputy DSL who are due to meet via a Teams o365 this week.

Lindy Napthine, AHT DSL

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