

**Addendum to Child Protection Policy
COVID-19
Remote learning if a child /group of child are
isolating at home**

Date: 17th May 2021

Context: - from the 1st September all pupils returned to school on a fulltime basis
 Prior to the summer term the vast majority of the pupils at Rossendale were coming in to school for at least two days a week, for those at home – we had a robust system in place to ensure they were safe, this included weekly phone contact with the child from a staff member in school and visit from their key worker on the pastoral team .

This was over seen by the designated safeguard lead Simon Jones.

During this period , we are going to have potential cases of Covid 19 in the school community and we have robust risk assessments in place to ensure the school is Covid secure . it is important that we have clear systems in place to safeguard a child or group of children who are self-isolating and completing remote learning

As of 4th January 2021 – the government announced a full national lockdown – where school should remain open for vulnerable children and children of keyworkers – all of our children at Rossendale School have an EHCP so therefore they are classed as vulnerable. We have consulted with parents and informed them that school will remain open to all pupils – some parents due to the risk of having vulnerable people at home have taken the decision to keep their child at home and for them to be educated remotely.

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Rossendale school will ensure that's all staff are aware that **anybody** can make a referral:-

MASH - 0300 123 6720 – **Emergency Duty Team** - – (Out of hours) 0300 123 6722

LADO- 01772 536694 **School Safeguarding Helpline** – 01772 531196

Identifying and addressing any new safeguarding or welfare concerns and managing ongoing concerns	<p>School staff, volunteers or all stakeholders may identify safeguarding concerns about individual children as they see them in person following partial school closures. Rossendale school recognises that all safeguarding concerns must be reported and acted upon immediately, including new concerns when children are returning.</p> <p>The DSL or Deputy DSL will be given the resources and time that enable them to fulfil the role effectively, supporting staff and children with any new concerns. If there are special working arrangements in regards to the DSL or Deputies, Rossendale school, will ensure that all staff is made aware of such arrangements. Rossendale school will ensure all staff are</p>
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	<p>aware of important numbers and understand that anybody can make a referral.</p> <p>Rossendale school recognises the importance that all safeguarding and welfare records held on individual children remain accurate. It is in the best interests of the child, that home and school communicate, to ensure that school is aware of any changes regarding welfare, health and wellbeing.</p> <p>We recognise the continued importance for school and sixth form college staff to work with and support children's social workers, the local authority virtual school head for looked-after and previously looked-after children and any other relevant safeguarding and welfare partners. It is a priority that school will act upon any updated advice received from the local authority regarding children with education, health and care plans, the LADO and children's social care, reporting mechanisms, referral thresholds. School will continue to input into the local arrangements working alongside partner agencies.</p>
<p>Managing Allegations against adults</p>	<p>Staff will continue to follow principles and guidance as in KCSIE Part 4 in view of reporting or acting upon any concerns surrounding an adult or volunteer who may pose a safeguarding risk to children. Rossendale school will ensure that all staff are aware of reporting processes. This should be George Mills (Head Teacher)</p>
<p>Peer on Peer Abuse</p>	<p>Rossendale school recognises that in cases of peer on peer sexual abuse or sexual violence, the principles of KCSIE 2020 Section 5 should be followed but a revised process may be required for managing any report of such abuse and supporting victims, given the different circumstances schools and colleges are operating in. These circumstances should be taken into account when planning or revising any risk assessments.</p>
<p>Children who are remote working at home – or self isolating due to Covid 19</p>	<p>Simon Jones will provide support to teachers and staff to ensure that contact is maintained with children (and their families) who are remote learning /self-isolating at home . Staff will try (where possible) to speak directly to children to help identify any concerns. Rossendale school and its DSL will work closely with all stakeholders to maximise the effectiveness of any communication plan. Pupils and their parents will be encouraged to contact the DSL if they wish to report safeguarding concerns, e.g. regarding harmful or upsetting content or incidents of online bullying. The school will also signpost families to the practical support that is available for reporting these concerns.</p> <p>All contact with vulnerable pupils will be recorded on the Staff Shared Drive and suitably stored in line with the Data Protection Policy</p> <p>Rossendale school recognises that school is a protective factor for children and young people, and the current circumstances, can affect the mental health of pupils and their parents/carers. Teachers at Rossendale school will to be aware of this in setting expectations of pupils' work where they are at home.</p> <p>School will continue to ensure a safe online environment for those who remain at home. We will continue to ensure that appropriate filters and monitoring systems are in place to protect children when they are online.</p>

	All staff who interact with children, including online, will remain vigilant and continue to look out for signs a child may be at risk. Any such concerns should be escalated and reported.
Supporting Vulnerable children	For vulnerable children, attendance is expected, where it is appropriate for them to do so. (This may be following individualised risk assessments for children with an EHC Plan.) We will continue to liaise with, and notify social workers if a child is absent from school. Where children with a social worker do not attend when expected, school will follow this up by contacting a parent or carer.
Safer Recruitment, Staff movement & Staff training	<p>In the recruiting of new staff, Rossendale school will continue to follow the relevant safer recruitment processes as detailed in KCSIE 2020 Part 3.</p> <p>Where Rossendale school are utilising volunteers, we will continue to follow the checking and risk assessment process as set out in paragraphs 167 to 172 of KCSIE. Under no circumstances will a volunteer who has not been checked be left unsupervised or allowed to work in regulated activity.</p> <p>It will remain that new staff or volunteers will receive a complete safeguarding induction. In the cases of staff who are moving between sites to support current and temporary arrangements, school will assess the level of induction required.</p> <p>Whilst acknowledging the challenge of the current situation, it is essential from a safeguarding perspective that any school is aware, on any given day, which staff/volunteers will be in the school or college, and that appropriate checks have been carried out, especially for anyone engaging in regulated activity. As such, Rossendale school will continue to keep the single central record (SCR) up to date as outlined in paragraphs 148 to 156 in KCSIE.</p>
Consideration	Due to the changing circumstances, this addendum will be monitored and reviewed on a regular basis, whilst being shared with all stakeholders.

Head teacher	
Chair of Governors	