

AB KETTLEBY & SOMERBY PRIMARY SCHOOL



COVID-19 Child Protection Policy Addendum (November 2021)

During the arrangements put in place due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Child Protection/Safeguarding policy will continue to apply unless superseded by the provisions set out here. This addendum will be reviewed and revised to take account of ongoing changes to COVID-19 guidance and arrangements.

- If the DSL and all other trained Deputy DSLs are isolating away from school, where possible, they will continue to be available to support and advise staff with safeguarding concerns. In this scenario, or where a DSL or Deputy is not available, a member of the Senior Leadership Team will be designated to respond on site to safeguarding concerns.
- Staff will continue to report all safeguarding concerns in the usual way (including allegations and safeguarding concerns about adults working in school) and be thoroughly briefed about any changes that are required – e.g. where the DSL or headteacher may be isolating at home.
- Where a child known to social care is required to isolate at home, the DSL will immediately inform the social care worker allocated to the case. If the DSL is away from school, they will be informed of this.
- Parents/carers of vulnerable children who are asked to isolate at home will be regularly contacted by the DSL and SENDCo. Where parents or carers do not respond to calls or visits, a risk assessment will be completed and a referral to Children’s Services considered.
- There may be a greater prevalence of mental health concerns when children return to school following a period of isolating at home. Staff will be briefed about this and time will be made available to the DSL/Pastoral Manager or other relevant staff to support children as required.
- Children will be expected to attend school unless a special arrangement is agreed. The school’s standard procedures will be applied in the case of absence.
- Where a parent or carer indicates that they intend to electively home educate because of concerns related to COVID-19, before removing the child from the school roll, a phone call will be made to the parent / carer to discuss their decision. School staff will be consulted, and opinions collected regarding vulnerable pupils, safeguarding concerns and SEND. We will then complete and send the local authority EHE referral form. EHE will contact the school when the referral is accepted.
- If any members of the school staff have to visit a pupil’s home, they will observe social distancing and will not enter the property.
- Anyone administering first aid will adhere to the School Covid Risk assessment
- Staff engaged in remote teaching and learning will follow the Remote Learning Policy and the Staff Code of Conduct alongside the Child Protection policy. All can be found on the school website.
- The online safety of children who may be learning remotely at home, will be considered and any necessary adjustments will be made.

- The school will provide a limited number of devices in order to assist Home Learning. This will be based on a parental survey.
- Children will continue to be taught every half term as a minimum how to stay safe online as part of their Computing curriculum
- Safer Recruitment procedures will continue to be robustly applied including where virtual interviews may be used and if so, a risk assessment will be completed.
- The Single Central Record will be continuously updated and include the details of any staff who may be engaged in teaching and learning from home and any catch-up tutors employed by the school, for example.

Next Review: July 2022