



## **Child Protection and Safeguarding Addendum- COVID-19 Arrangements**

### **Keeping children safe in schools and colleges**

KCSIE is statutory safeguarding guidance that schools and colleges should continue to have regard to as per their legislative duty and/or funding agreement requirements. Pierview Academy staff will also have due regard to the schools 'Code of conduct' and all Safeguarding and Child protection policies and procedures.

Below outlines our priorities and any adaptations to 'business as usual' functions within the school during COVID 19 school closures, self-isolation and social exclusion practises.

#### **Priorities for Pierview Academy remains:**

- Keeping children safe
- Continue to support and provide education where possible for vulnerable children including those who have a social worker and those children and young people up to the age of 25 with EHC plans
- Continue to report any safeguarding concerns immediately using existing systems
- DSL/DDSL should be available – could be phone or possible online eg video call. If there is no trained person on-site due to staff restrictions, a member of the SMT should take responsibility for co-ordinating safeguarding. All staff should know who the available DSL/DDSL is each day and how they can be contacted. If there is a DSL/DDSL whose training has expired, they should continue in the role and be regarded as trained.

**Further arrangements for safeguarding our learners during school closures, learners self-isolating or maintaining social distancing guidelines are:**

- Learners and families will be contacted regularly (daily, alternate days, weekly) to check on the learner's welfare and the welfare of the family. Where contact is reduced, this can only be done in agreement with the Head Teacher. This contact will be recorded in a welfare tracker and monitored daily by the DSL and DDSL's who will act accordingly.
- If any issues are raised i.e. there is no contact with the family, the DSL and DDSL's will follow safeguarding protocol which may include but is not exclusive to: a home visit, referral to early help, referral to social services, contacting the police.
- Absence – All absence will be monitored and responded to by using the school current absences management structures and policies
  
- All staff working online will continue to adhere to the schools 'Code of Conduct' in particular taking note of and adhering to the guidance in section 12- **Communication with children (including the use of technology)**.
- Pierview Academy will continue to be vigilant and aware of children's mental health and how this may present in changes in their behaviour. Pierview Academy has provided parents/carers with guidance and support documents highlighting strategies to manage behaviour and agencies that may be able to support in a time of crisis. Parents and carers are encouraged to contact school to report any concerns.