

Addendum to Safeguarding Policy Spring term 2021 - COVID-19 Contingency

The purpose of this addendum is to ensure appropriate safeguarding measures are in place for pupils who are still attending school and those who are not attending school due to school closures during the COVID-19 emergency measures.

The following will be in place for those pupils who are attending school:

The current safeguarding and child protection policy is in place for pupils who are attending school.

Attendance Protocols

Pupils attending will be registered at the usual statutory times (ie morning and afternoon sessions). Parents have been asked to indicate when pupils are expected to attend as a number of parents are working shifts. If pupils are expected but have not presented, contact will be made with the parent/carer. If there are any safeguarding concerns the DSL will continue to use established procedures and protocols. This may include ringing the MASH for advice or formally referring children/families to CSC. Ripley staff may also coordinate home visits.

A DSL or DDSL will be available in person or by phone each day. If due to illness etc this is not the case, staff should speak with a member of SLT, as per the school Safeguarding Policy

The following will be in place for those pupils who are unable to attend school:

Information regarding the support which will be made available for pupils who are at risk of suffering harm will be displayed on the website and sent to parents. The following support will be offered:

- Direction to appropriate websites and contact numbers for pupils who are suffering from or are at risk of a range of factors including anxiety, feeling low, abuse and other wellbeing issues.
- Pupils can use their school email to contact pastoral colleagues if they need to. Parents should not use parentline for safeguarding related issues, they should ring school directly and ask to speak to the designated on call DSL.
- School will be open for pupils to drop in during the hours of 9am and 3pm in an emergency. Pupils should present at the lodge reception where social distancing can be maintained. The on call DSL colleague will be made aware of the situation and respond as soon as possible.
- School counsellors will be available in school. Face to face, online and telephone appointments will be available. These appointments can only be made through pastoral/DSL colleagues.

Monitoring

- Ripley staff have made contact with all parents/carers of pupils identified as vulnerable. Ripley colleagues will continue to make contact at least once a week. However this contact will increase if there are concerns raised by the pupil and/or family or other professional.
- Ripley staff will continue to be in contact with the key staff (eg social workers, family workers, lead professionals) of vulnerable pupils to ensure meetings take place as required and pupils' needs are met.

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