



Appendix 1: COVID-19 Safeguarding Update May 2020

The Department for Education published the following guidance on 27 March 2020 to reflect the changing circumstances of schools due to Coronavirus:

[Advice to schools/ Parents](#)

Points to note for LNS Staff:

- This is additional guidance which should be read in conjunction with our existing safeguarding policy.
- Any relevant updates from them will be passed on to all parties .
- If you have a concern about a child, you should continue to pass this on through the normal established channels – preferably by sending an email to safeguarding@lns.org.uk
- Although you may no longer have direct contact with our students, the same mandatory reporting duty will continue to apply.
- The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Neil Atherton natherton@lns.org.uk
- The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are Natalie Harvey nharvey@lns.org.uk and Michael Schofield mschofield@lns.org.uk
- One of the (D)DSLs will always be on duty and one will always be onsite on days that the school is open for students.
- If you are a member of staff with pastoral responsibilities (HOYS, SENCo, etc.), you will still need to be available for any safeguarding meetings with the local authority and other partners. We have been advised that these will be taking place remotely via conference call at the current time.
- Due to the different circumstances in which we are working, it may be more difficult to identify or support students who are experiencing peer-to-peer abuse (bullying). Please be sensitive to the fact that some of our students will be even more isolated at this time and it is very important that we keep in contact with all our students.
- All parents have access to the following documents.

[LNS Safeguarding Website](#)

[Internet Safety Staff March 2020](#)

[Keeping your child safe on line](#)

[Pupil Online Learning Code of conduct](#)

- Contact with students will be through different and new ways of working; likely to include email, ClassCharts and through google classrooms. Please bear in mind our guidance about safeguarding yourself; working remotely does create an additional level of distance, but please still be vigilant about protecting yourself from any possible allegations.
- If you have any concerns about a colleague, please contact in strict confidence, either Michael Schofield mschofield@Ins.org.uk or Neil Atherton natherton@Ins.org.uk
- Vulnerable students are defined as those who have either an EHCP, or students who have an allocated social worker. Be particularly sensitive to the needs of these students.
- At the current time, we are continuing to provide an emergency supervision offer for students who are defined as vulnerable, or those who have a parent who is defined as a key worker. Nevertheless, the key government guidance is that the safest place for children is at home.
- We are supporting our FSM students through the provision of supermarket vouchers. If you are aware of any students who have any queries relating to this, direct them to Rob Melia Business manager rmelia@Ins.org.uk

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