



Covid-19- Interim Safeguarding Guidance

Addendum to the Safeguarding/Child Protection Policy

This document has been developed to consider and reflect changes in practice as a result of the COVID- 19 (Coronavirus) outbreak. It is important that all staff are aware of the policy and are kept up to date as it is revised. The revised policy should continue to be made public.

Practice should reflect statutory guidance Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2019 and settings should continue to have regard to their legislative duty.

What staff should do if they have concerns about a child

The way Bevington is currently operating in response to concerns about the welfare of a child, during the COVID-19 outbreak, is fundamentally the same:

- With regards to safeguarding, the best interests of children must continue to come first.
- If anyone in the school has a safeguarding concern they should continue to act immediately.
- A Designated Safeguarding Lead should always be available.
- It is essential that unsuitable people are not allowed to enter the school.
- Children should continue to be protected when they are online.

All staff should remind themselves of what they need to look out for be reading Part 1 of Keeping Children Safe in Education 2019:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/836144/Keeping_children_safe_in_education_part_1_2019.pdf

Raising a concern

- All staff should act immediately to respond to a safeguarding concern.
- An email recording the concern should be sent to the Designated Safeguarding Lead- shainey.slater@bevington.rbkc.sch.uk.
- If a concern arises from a staff member working remotely (ie from content of a child's email), the staff member should record this in an email to the DSL.
- The DSL will be onsite daily. If the DSL is unavailable, the other member/s of the Senior Leadership Team will be on-site and will assume responsibility. You can also call the SLT contingency number on **07739316184**.
- However, if the DSL/SLT is not available for advice, staff should be aware of the role of the following teams in **emergency situations**:

Kensington & Chelsea Duty Line	Tel: 020 7361 3013 (Out of hours – 020 7361 3013)
Safeguarding Lead for Schools- Di Donaldson	07890 397 061
For concerns about radicalisation- PREVENT	020 8753 5727
If a child is at immediate risk- POLICE	999

Ensure there is a record of your actions, who you spoke to and what the agreed plan of action was. Notify the DSL as soon as possible.

Vulnerable Children

Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those children with Education, Health & Care Plans (EHCP).

There is an expectation that vulnerable children who have a social worker will attend an education setting, as long as they do not have underlying health conditions or other needs that make it unsafe to do so. The DSL will work with and support children's social workers to help protect vulnerable children.

For those children with EHCPs, a consultation will take place between the parents and the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) to determine whether the child's needs will be best met in school or at home. Many children with EHCPs can safely remain at home. Parents of children with EHCPs will receive regular email updates from the SENCO and are invited to email senco@bevington.rbkc.sch.uk should they require support with home learning.

Attendance

Local Authorities and education settings do not need to complete their day-to-day attendance processes to follow-up on non-attendance. SLT will follow up with any parent or carer who has arranged care for their child if they do not subsequently attend.

Supporting children not in school

Bevington Primary School Primary School is committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all its pupils and will continue to support children and families by:

- Providing remote learning
- Regular emails
- Providing vouchers to those eligible for Free School Meals
- Pastoral support from the school's West London Zone Link Worker
- A member of SLT will always be available to take calls from parents

Supporting children in school

The school will continue to be a safe space for children to attend and flourish. The SLT will ensure that appropriate staff are onsite and that staff to pupil ratios are appropriate, to maximise safety. We will continue to follow advice from Public Health England on hand washing and how to limit the risk of COVID-19.

Peer on Peer Abuse

Should we receive a report on peer on peer abuse, we will follow principles set out in Part 5 of KCSIE and those outlined within our Safeguarding (CP) Policy. The school will listen and work with the young person, parents/carers and any other multiagency partner to ensure the safety and security of that young person. Concerns and actions will be recorded appropriately and referrals made where necessary.

This addendum will be reviewed and updated regularly to reflect changes in the current situation, in-line guidance from the Department for Education and Public Health England.