



Coronavirus Outbreak Addendum to the Lammack Community Primary School Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy

For the period COVID-19 measures are in place nationally, all requirements and principles in the 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (KCSIE) statutory guidance remain in force and **MUST** be followed.

Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is statutorily defined as protecting them from maltreatment; preventing impairment of their health or development; ensuring they grow up being provided with safe and effective care; and action is taken to enable them to have the best outcomes. The duty to undertake this role has not changed with the COVID-19 regulations and so all teaching professionals continue to have a duty to identify safeguarding concerns, share information, work together with other agencies and provide support to the child and family.

Safeguarding Leads & Deputies

Whilst pupils attend Lammack under the category of critical worker or vulnerable children, the processes and procedures in terms of safeguarding as set out in the Lammack Primary School Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy, must be adhered to.

If there is a safeguarding concern, the member of Lammack Primary School staff must contact the **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), Mrs N Majid immediately. The DSL is contactable and will always be based at school.** If the DSL is not available, a member of staff must contact the **Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) – Mrs P Duckworth.** In the absence of Mrs Majid and Mrs Duckworth, staff must contact Ms Greenwood (KS2 Assistant Head).

The DSL and/or the DDSLs will advise staff on a need to know basis and act in the best interests of the child.

A record on CPOMS must also be made by the member of staff reporting the concern.

For pupils engaged with remote education, where a member of staff has a concern, the above procedure must again be followed.

Safeguarding of Pupils – Lammack Community Primary School will continue to review the circumstances of all its pupils on roll; those in school and those involved in remote education. For those at school due to their vulnerabilities, there will be regular contact with the child's social worker or key worker if there is one involved. For pupils attending school, as their parents/carers are critical workers, Lammack Primary School will monitor any concerns, unmet needs, and potential risk factors. All requirements and principles in the 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' (KCSIE) statutory guidance remain in force and must be followed.

For pupils not attending school, where prior to the COVID-19 measures there were indicators of safeguarding concerns, including those children with Child & Family Plans (CAFs), close monitoring of the child's welfare must be maintained and where concerns escalate, appropriate action taken to ensure services are provided in line with the Pan-Lancashire Continuum of Need and Response (CoNR).

For children with Lead Professionals for a CAF, Lammack Primary School will need to ensure that a regular review of the child's plan is continued. How to conduct reviews (phone calls, video calls to speak and hear the child's wishes) will need to be carefully considered with all agencies involved, so that safeguarding duties can be fulfilled.

During the period of the national lockdown, the government has advised that there are no unauthorised attendances. However, where children are attending school due to vulnerabilities or where parents/carers are critical workers, attendance will be monitored as normal and non-attendance discussed with parents/carers and social workers/key workers as appropriate.

For all children attending school, emergency contact details for parents/carers will be regularly reviewed (weekly is advisable for critical worker parent/carers) as these are likely to regularly change during the COVID-19 period.

The DSL/Deputy DSL, Mrs N Majid/Mrs P Duckworth, will continue to check the Operation Encompass e-mails on a daily basis. Where Lammack Primary School receives Operation Encompass notifications, normal welfare checks must continue and advice will be sought from Children Advice and Duty Service (CADS) where appropriate. In countries with earlier COVID-19 experience, they have reported nearly a doubling of police reported domestic abuse incidents during the periods of lockdown. Further advice and support can be provided by the WISH Centre (01254 260465) where required.

Lammack Primary School is providing an online platform to assist with learning and the normal online safeguarding regulations must be adhered to. Lammack Primary School will ensure that parents are made aware of how to supervise their child's learning online so that anyone posing a threat online can be detected, reported and deterred. Parents must be provided with clear information on how to report any suspicious activity online.

School Workforce – The Single Central Record (SCR) must be updated and maintained during the COVID-19 period. All regulations on the appointment and induction of new staff and volunteers must continue to be followed.

Information Sharing – the normal guidelines on the sharing of information remain in force during the COVID-19 period.

Where Lammack Primary School receives safeguarding notifications or welfare queries (CADS, Operation Encompass, MARAC etc.), the school will respond to these during the COVID-19 period.

Information Governance – All new and additional activities during the COVID-19 period will generate information and all the requirements to protect data in the Data Protection Act/GDPR remain in force. Where new or additional activities, like online learning create new data and its storage, school privacy policies must be updated to reflect this.

Health and Development – preventing the impairment of a child's health or development remains a key part of safeguarding responsibilities. In these uncertain and fast-changing circumstances with COVID-19, there are concerns that the physical and mental health of children will be affected. Lammack Primary School will aim to keep in contact with all its children, either through them being present at school, through their attendance with live lessons, e-mails, newsletters and phone calls, so that their welfare can be monitored regularly and that Lammack Primary School is fully informed before a phased or full return to school starts of any unmet needs a child may have.

The DfE has set up a helpline and the contact details can be accessed at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-safeguarding-in-schools-colleges-and-other-providers/coronavirus-covid-19-safeguarding-in-schools-colleges-and-other-providers>