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Safeguarding & Child Protection Arrangements for COVID-19 College Closure

Alongside our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy, the following definitions and arrangements apply until further notice:

For the purpose of this document "vulnerable students" include students who have a social worker and young people up to the age of 25 with education, health and care (EHC) plans.

We will complete the risk assessment provided by the Local Authority and work with parents to decide whether a child with an EHCP needs to continue to be offered a place at college to meet their needs, or whether they can safely have their needs met at home. We understand that many students and young people with EHC plans can safely remain at home. Students with an EHCP who are working at home will have regular contact with staff to ensure their needs are met. Eligibility for free college meals is not a key determining factor in assessing vulnerability.

Within the current guidelines from the Department for Education is an expectation that vulnerable students who have a social worker will attend an education setting, so long as they do not have underlying health conditions that put them at risk. Local authorities and education settings do not need to complete their usual day-today attendance processes to follow up on non-attendance. However, S6C has moved it's timetable online and we will follow up attendance concerns through an email to parents. We will, when communicating with parents/carers of vulnerable students, confirm that emergency contact numbers kept on the student's files are correct and ask for any additional emergency contact numbers where they are available.

Safeguarding contacts:

All safeguarding referrals: safeguarding@salisbury6c.ac.uk

Name	Role	Contact details
Nicola Miller	Designated Safeguarding Lead	nmiller@salisbury6c.ac.uk
Rebecca Anderson	Pastoral Leader and Safeguarding Officer	randerson@salisbury6c.ac.uk

Simon Firth	Principal	sfirth@salisbury6c.ac.uk

Reporting a concern

Where staff have a concern about a child, they will continue to follow the process outlined in the college Safeguarding Policy and contact the DSL (detailed above) either by telephone or by email. Any email containing confidential information will be sent using official email addresses. Where staff are concerned about an adult working with students in S6C they will continue to follow the Wiltshire process set out in the allegations flowchart published on www.wiltshirescb.org.uk. In the absence of the principal and/or Chair of governors, staff will follow the alternative leadership contact arrangements.

Safeguarding Training and induction
As DSL training is unlikely to be available during the current outbreak of Covid-19, DSL training will continue to meet statutory requirements, even if the refresher training and annual updates are not available within the required timescales. Our DSLs will keep up to date by reading government guidance and other relevant newsletters eg NSPCC as they are published.

All existing college staff have had safeguarding training and have read part 1 of Keeping students Safe in Education (2019). The DSL will communicate with staff any new local arrangements, as appropriate.

Where new staff are recruited, or new volunteers enter S6C they will continue to be provided with a safeguarding induction.

Online safety in schools and colleges
We will continue to provide a safe online environment for staff and students. Please see our ICT Acceptable Use Policy.

All staff who interact with students, including online, will continue to look out for signs a child may be at risk. Any such concerns will be dealt with as per our Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy and where appropriate referrals will still be made to student's social care and as required, the police.

Online teaching will follow the same principles as set out in our Staff Code of Conduct and ICT Acceptable Use Policy. We will ensure any use of online learning tools and systems is in line with privacy and data protection/GDPR requirements.

Supporting students not in college

We recognise that college is a protective factor for students and young people, and the current circumstances can affect the mental health of students and their parents/carers. We will ensure that regular contact is maintained with any student who is vulnerable.