

**The Federated Schools of St Joseph's Catholic Infants
and St Joseph's Catholic Juniors**

Addendum Safeguarding Remote Learning Policy

For St Joseph's Catholic Junior School

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This addendum to St Joseph's school Safeguarding Policy contains details of our safeguarding arrangements of delivering remote learning and will cover the following areas:

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Context

Working from home has become a reality for many professionals since March 2020 and the emergence of the global COVID 19 pandemic. As educators we are aware that we are bound by Safeguarding policies and procedures aimed at protecting not just the young people in our care but also ourselves as professionals. This policy takes into account any amendments to school staffing and responsibilities during periods of Remote Learning.

Key Contacts at St Josephs' Catholic Junior School

Role	Name	Contact Number	Email
Designated Safeguarding Lead	Mr J. Alexander	020 8539 5971	school@stjosephsjun.waltham.sch.uk
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Chair of Governors	Mrs N. Brunton and Mrs K. Munden	020 8539 5971	school@stjosephsjun.waltham.sch.uk
Safeguarding Governor	Mrs K. Munden	020 8539 5971	school@stjosephsjun.waltham.sch.uk

Introduction

It is important that all staff who interact with children, including online, continue to look out for signs that a child may be at risk. Any such concerns should be dealt with as per the school safeguarding policy, and where appropriate referrals should still be made to children's social care and as required, the police.

If you are concerned about the safety and wellbeing of a child at school or at home, then you can contact the **Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr Alexander (Head teacher) who can be contacted on 020 8539 5971 or school@stjosephsjun.waltham.sch.uk** If you cannot contact Mr Alexander, then please make contact with our Deputy Safeguarding Lead, Ms Le on 020 8539 5971. If you think a child is in immediate danger, contact the police on 999. If you are worried about a child but they are not in immediate danger, you should share your concerns.

All staff and volunteers should report any concerns about a child and their family experiencing domestic abuse.

Parents' and carers' mental health may also be affected during the pandemic. Therefore, it is important that all staff raise concerns with the DSL/DDSL to consider who is best placed to support the child and/or family.

Who is this policy applicable to?

A child who is not attending school and is accessing remote learning.

A child (and their siblings if they are also attending St Joseph's Catholic Junior School) is absent because they are awaiting test results and the household is required to self-isolate. The rest of their school bubble is attending school and being taught as normal.

A child's whole bubble is not permitted to attend school because they, or another member of their bubble, have tested positive for Covid-19.

Remote learning will be shared with families when they are absent due to Covid related reasons which will not always be at start of week or at the first day of absence.

Content and Tools to Deliver This Remote Education Plan

Remote learning will only take place using online platforms which has been assessed and approved by the Head teacher and governing board. Staff expected to deliver remote learning will also have been trained/mentored in the correct use of the system.

Staff will only use school specific, approved professional accounts with learners and/or parents/carers.

The use of any personal accounts to communicate with learners and/or parents/carers is not permitted. Any pre-existing relationships or situations which mean this cannot be complied with will be discussed with Mr Alexander the Head teacher and DSL.

Staff will use work provided equipment where possible e.g. a school laptop, tablet or other mobile device or be able to attend school to use the computer provided into designated classrooms. Clear expectations should be put in place in relation to safeguarding and data security when using personal devices e.g. using strong passwords, suitable levels of encryption, logging off or locking devices when not in use etc.

Online contact with learners and/or parents/carers will not take place outside of the operating times as defined by SLT:

- 9:00am to 3:00pm
- All remote lessons will be formally timetabled; a member of SLT or the DSL is able to monitor at any time. Any live streamed learning sessions will only be held at pre-arranged times and the content and plan agreed by the HT/member of the SLT/Subject lead.
- Educational resources will be used or shared in line with our existing teaching and learning policies, taking licensing and copyright into account.

Behaviour Expectations (where live sessions are being used)

Staff will model safe practice and will conduct themselves online during remote sessions as they would in the classroom.

All staff are expected to behave in line with existing school policies and expectations. This includes:

- Appropriate language to be used by all attendees.
- Appropriate dress code
- Staff will not take or record images for personal use
- Staff will use a blurred background for live sessions if not in school
- Ensuring that personal information and/or unsuitable personal items are not visible, either on screen or in video backgrounds
- All sensitive documents or tabs are closed when screen sharing
- Staff should record the length, time, date and attendance of any sessions held

Staff will remind learners of behaviour expectations and reporting mechanisms at the start of each session. This includes:

- All learners are on mute unless asking a question or asked to contribute
- Clear instructions on how learners may signal that they have a question
- All learners to have a blurred background when cameras are on
- Use of chat box disabled where possible or where there are concerns about monitoring set to teacher view only
- Appropriate dress code

Roles and responsibilities

Pupils and parents

Staff can expect pupils learning remotely to:

- Adhere to behaviour expectations as outlined at the start of each session
- Raise any concerns about school or home life with a member of staff during school hours by school to include internal procedure

Staff can expect parents/carers with children learning remotely to:

- Make the school aware if their child is sick or otherwise cannot complete work
- Seek help from the school if they need it
- Parents/carers will support children with accessing the lesson if required
- Not become involved in live session
- Any concerns are to be raised via the normal school's complaints procedures and not during a live session
- If a parent/carer feels that a child or young person is at immediate risk of harm the police should be called on 999 who can provide an immediate response. However, if a parent/carer does not believe the risk requires immediate action, Waltham Forest Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) team should be contacted to discuss concerns:

Phone: 020 8496 2310 Monday to Thursday 9am to 5.15pm

Friday 9am to 5pm

Out of hours phone: 020 8496 3000

Designated and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

St Joseph's Catholic Junior School has a Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) and a deputy DSL.

The Designated Safeguarding lead is: Mr Alexander

The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead is: Ms Le

It is important that all St Joseph's staff and volunteers have access to a trained DSL or deputy DSL or other member of the Safeguarding team. On each day, the staff on site and working remotely will be made aware of who that person is and how to contact them.

If there are concerns that an online presence could place a pupil at risk, a risk assessment will be conducted by the school.

Reporting a concern

Where staff have a concern about a child, they should continue to follow the process outlined in the School Safeguarding Policy.

Staff are reminded of the need to report any concern immediately and without delay.

Where staff are concerned about an adult working or volunteering with children in the school, they should follow the school reporting process and inform the Head teacher as soon as possible. If there is a requirement to make a notification to the Head teacher whilst away from school, this should be done verbally and followed up with an email to the Head teacher.

Concerns around the Head teacher should be directed to the Chairs of Governors of the Federated Body, Mrs Kerry Munden or Mrs Nicola Brunton.

If staff are concerned that they cannot report this they should utilise the whistleblowing process and contact: **lado@walthamforest.gov.uk**

Useful Contact Numbers

MASH: 020 8496 2310

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