

Appendix to Safeguarding Policy - Covid 19

The Iona School will have an effective Safeguarding Policy in place during the time of COVID-19.

Advice for Parents

Parents are regularly informed about any changes as well as how to report safeguarding concerns during the time of COVID-19.

Keep in Touch with Children

Every Class Teacher has contact with every child / parent once a week to see how they are coping with the new situation through email or telephone.

Teachers shall reinforce the importance of children being safe online. They shall make parents/carers aware of what their children are being asked to do online, including the sites they will be asked to access and be clear who from the school their child is going to be interacting with online.

Teachers are advised to keep a record when they have contact with pupils/parents.

- If a child / parent is not reachable or any other concerns regarding safeguarding please contact the DSL immediately by email to SG@theionaschool.org.uk or via phone 07943 791337.
- If the DSL is not available please contact one of the Deputy DSLs or directly CAFD
- The Deputy DSLs are:

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Online Safety away from School

- Parents are advised to read about online safety on our school website as well as being advised to be in the same room while children are online.
- It is important that all staff who interact with children, including online, continue to look out for signs a child may be at risk. Any such concerns should be dealt with immediately and where appropriate referrals should be made to Children's Social Care and as required the police.
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- Teachers are advised to read the guidance for remote learning: <https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/safe-remote-learning/>
- Starting point for online teaching are the same principles as set out in our Behaviour Policy (Code of Conduct).

Vulnerable Children

- School staff continue to work with and support children's social workers to help protect vulnerable children.
- DSL ensures that vulnerable children are being supported through the social workers.

Mental Health

- Negative experiences such as the current circumstances can affect the mental health of our pupils / families. Teachers are aware of this and should react accordingly and make a referral if necessary.

<https://www.nottinghamshirehealthcare.nhs.uk/camhs-crisis-team>

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