

SAFEGUARDING: Preparing for return to school – Reviewed March 2021

SAFEGUARDING -

- Safeguarding issues have increased during the lockdown period.
- Safeguarding issues need to be logged as usual. Speak to a DDSL and follow the school procedures if you have a concern.
- **Operation Encompass** – incidents have increased. These are now reported to school via email, however there has been some delay between school being informed and the date of the incident. Please advise a DDSL if a child is telling you about an incident so it can be followed up asap. Log on CPOMS with your action.

Support for children and young people

Witnessing and experiencing domestic abuse can have a serious impact on a child's long-term health. It is a top priority that vulnerable children and young people remain safe during this uncertain period. If you are concerned that a child is at risk of harm, you should refer this information to children's social care or to the police if you believe the child is in immediate danger.

NSPCC

The NSPCC has issued guidance for spotting and reporting the signs of abuse on their website. The NSPCC Helpline is available for anyone with concerns about a child to contact for professional advice and support.

Telephone: 0808 800 5000

Email: help@nspcc.org.uk

CPOMS – Reminders.

- The list of children with additional support from Early Help or Social Care is updated regularly and sent to phase leaders to advise you. If you are not getting this information you need to let SLT Know.
- Children involved with other services should have this lozenge added to all their recordings ie **CP/CIN** etc.
- Staff should be vigilant when listening to children – add '**The Voice of the Child**', when they talk to you.
- All communication with Parents/Carers should have '**Parental contact**' lozenge added.
- Teaching staff have elevated access to look back at incidents – please use this facility to help gather information/assess/make judgements in relation to support a child may need.

Mental Health and well-being -

- Numerous resources have been sent out during lockdown. Make yourself familiar with them so you know what you can offer to a child/family.
- These resources are stored in a file in Share point.
- Staff can seek support for themselves via a discussion with KP/CF.

Bereavement Support-

Useful links/services.

<https://www.childbereavementuk.org/middlesbrough>

<https://www.cruse.org.uk/get-help/local-services/north-east/tees-valley-and-durham>

<https://www.teessidehospice.org/bereavement-counselling>

<https://fis.middlesbrough.gov.uk/kb5/middlesbrough/fsd/service.page?id=ArirS5BgOik>

<https://www.time4youcounselling.co.uk/>

Other information:

Childline

Childline is available for children and young people to reach out for help and support by phone or using their online chat service. They also provide specific guidance for young people on how to get help and what to do if they are worried about a friend.

Telephone: 0800 1111

Barnardo's

Barnardo's provides support to families affected by domestic abuse.