



ST DUNSTAN'S, CHEAM, C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Dunstan's - thriving Christian School, guided by the Good Shepherd, founded on faith, inspiring the best in everyone.

Emergency Safeguarding Procedures during School Closure

Policy approved by Chair's Action and will be ratified at the next FGB.

During this unprecedented time of schools being closed, our role to safeguard all pupils is still vital. We remain open to a few families but for the majority we will not be having face-to-face contact with them. This means that our role to safeguard becomes more difficult, but not impossible.

Aim:

- Try to ensure all pupils have regular contact from staff.
- Where possible, learning opportunities can continue at home through work provided.
- All vulnerable families have additional contact and support with any concerns reported and recorded.

Current child protection concerns:

- Telephone contact once a week from a DSL.
- Access to food through school catering and if needed, food bank information to be provided.
- DSL to liaise with all necessary professionals as usual.
- Attending any planned review meetings following current Government guidelines on social distancing and ideally completed virtually.
- Use of usual school procedures for recording concerns.
- A school place to be offered to pupils who are subject to a Child Protection Plan.

Vulnerable families:

- Telephone contact once a week from a DSL/member of staff.
- Access to food through school catering company and if needed, food bank information to be provided.
- Attending any planned review meetings following current Government guidelines on social distancing and ideally completed virtually.
- Use of usual school procedures to record and report.
- A school place to be offered to pupils who are subject to a EHCP or Child in Need Plan where requested.

Financial difficulties:

- Telephone contact at least once every 3 weeks from the DSL/SLT where possible; more often if required.
- While school remains open, access to food through school catering company or Government Food Vouchers for families in receipt of Pupil Premium Free School Meals and, if needed, information on Food Bank to be provided.

Teachers:

- Teachers will endeavour, when in school, to be in contact with their pupils using contact details provided on SIMS.
- If a teacher is self-isolating, then there is no expectation for them to contact their pupils, but this may be delegated to another teacher and only be those deemed vulnerable.
- No personal information of pupils, including contact details to be taken off school site.
- Any cause for concerns to be recorded and reported through usual school procedures unless there is an immediate danger/ safety risk when teacher should speak to a DSL.
- Any on-going concerns that a teacher needs to update, can be emailed password protected.

Logistics

- Lunch will be provided for children entitled to Free School Meals.
- They are to be collected from the entrance after 11:00am each day. (Unless/until food vouchers requested)
- During collection, families are to be at least 2 meters apart to adhere to the social distancing rules and prevent large group gathering.
- Clear recording of families supported/ attending.

It is essential that there is maintained contact between staff, always seek advice if concerns raised.

Personal numbers MUST NOT be shared with parent/carers.

Contact the DSLs if there are immediate safeguarding concerns:

Ms J Corby; Mrs L Porter; Mrs D Soma; Mrs G Armstrong; Mrs J Ward.

In the event of an enforced lockdown where schools are to shut, the DSLs will prioritise contacting children who are subject to a Child Protection or a Child in Need Plan, remotely, using a 'no caller ID' phone.