



# **BUGLAWTON PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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## **Child Protection Policy Appendix (Covid-19)**

The way schools are currently operating in response to coronavirus (COVID-19) is fundamentally different to business as usual, however, a number of important safeguarding principles remain the same:

- with regard to safeguarding, the best interests of children must always continue to come first
- if anyone in a school or college has a safeguarding concern about any child they should continue to act and act immediately
- a DSL or deputy should be available at all times where school is open, on site whenever possible
- it is essential that unsuitable people are not allowed to enter the school and/or gain access to children
- we continue to hold online safety of pupils in the upmost importance

Buglawton Primary School will, as far as is reasonably possible, take a whole institution approach to safeguarding. This will allow us to be satisfied that any new policies and processes in response to COVID-19 are not weakening our approach to safeguarding or undermining our child protection policy.

During this period of uncertainty and unconventional schooling, we have put in place the following measures:

- all children with EHCPs and those subject to CIN/CP plans have been offered a place in school. Where school, social workers and parents are in agreement that it is safe for children to remain at home, they will be able to do so.
- All children assessed as being 'vulnerable' will be called on a regular basis by a member of the school safeguarding team to check on their welfare
- all staff will continue to follow school safeguarding procedures if they have any concerns about a child (report to DSL and record on CPOMS).
- all staff will act immediately on any safeguarding concerns
- timetabling of staff ensures that there is a DSL or deputy DSL on site whenever school is open, where practical
- staff will continue to work with and support children's social workers and the local authority virtual school head (VSH) for looked-after and previously looked-after children
- if staff have concerns about a staff member who may pose a safeguarding risk to children, these should be reported immediately to the DSL or Chair of Governors.
- Where children are not open to CIN/CP plans but school would class them as 'vulnerable', staff will make regular phone calls to check on the welfare of the family
- School work set online will be done so through safe internet channels and parents are encouraged to check what their children are accessing online
- all staff are aware of these additional measures and will be kept up to date as they are revised.