



Safeguarding during Lockdown – January 2021

Waterfield take our responsibility to safeguard children extremely seriously.

Through current 'Lockdown' we acknowledge the best way to safeguard our children is to keep in contact with our children and families.

We would like our entire community to be aware that regardless of us not having all children attending School daily the Waterfield Safeguarding Team are still here to take anyone's concerns or worries with regards the safety and wellbeing of children.

Please contact our Safeguarding Team:

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Karen Billington (& Harry Hope)

Deputy Safeguarding Leads: Sally Newman, James Purveur & Jemma Watkins

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Our Safeguarding in School

Whether children are accessing in School provision or Remote Learning our Safeguarding Policy is still active and current.

In order to assist us in safeguarding we will also implement the following practical steps to support our policy:

- Children attending School and in Remote Learning will be registered through visible attendance or interaction with the remote learning set.
- **Any child who is unwell is still expected to contact the School Office so staff are aware they will not be registered due to absence through ill health.**
- Children who are not registered and whose parents have not called to inform the office of their absence (be that Remote or in School) will be followed up with a telephone call/welfare check. This will be daily for children in school and ideally daily for Remote Learners (although Waterfield acknowledge that on some days technology may be the cause of absence – therefore attendance of remote learners will be monitored by teaching staff and must be actioned after 2 missed days maximum).
- Welfare Check-in calls – teaching staff will conduct personal, individualised welfare calls as appropriate for children in Remote Learning.
- Welfare home visits will occur as required and will be directed by the Safeguarding Leads and Principal. Visits will always be socially distant, but must involve visible acknowledgement of the child/children through a window or at a visible distance.
- Please note 'Video Calling' may assist in any of the above.
- The use of technology to support learning is directed by our Online Safety Policy and is further supported by our guidance on Google Classroom/Meets. *See Website for full details.*
- Please note some children's individual circumstances may prohibit them in accessing daily learning or attending our school – for these children our Safeguarding Team are in direct contact with the Social Worker Team who have taken responsibility for the safeguarding of these key children and/or the parents/carers.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If anyone feels that a child is in imminent danger ANYONE may call the Emergency Services or the West Sussex MASH referral Team: 01403 229900