

# Covid-19 Addendum to Safeguarding Policy

## St Francis' Catholic Primary School

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## **Covid-19 Addendum to Safeguarding Policy St Francis School Nailsea**

This addendum should be read in conjunction with all government guidelines related to Covid-19 and Education Settings and the document found at <http://safeguarding.info/covid19safeguarding> specific to safeguarding in schools during the Covid-19 outbreak.

### **Safeguarding of all children**

- All staff should continue to act immediately on any safeguarding concerns (whether on site or not) and follow the procedures laid down in the safeguarding policy and normal school practice
- All staff should have the relevant information (phone numbers, email-addresses) of the DSL and DDSL. If both the DSL and DDSL are incapacitated, staff should know who is acting as safeguarding lead for the school (this could be a senior member of school staff or another local head teacher). If the DSL is not available, all staff will be informed by email who the main contact is for the day
- School staff and volunteers should follow normal procedure if they have concerns about any staff member or volunteer who may pose a safeguarding risk to children. This will **still** apply if staff are asked to work in another school setting
- A child who is expected at school (because a place has been booked for them by a parent or carer) but does not attend should be treated as Missing in Education and the relevant school procedures followed.

### **Safeguarding children not attending a school setting**

- Children and parents will be regularly reminded of safeguarding issues and any updates. Work specifically about safeguarding, keeping safe online, and guidance for children and adults about what to do if they are worried will be sent home via class teachers and the head's emails / newsletters
- Teachers will inform the head if they have had no contact with a child or family for the period of one week. The head will then follow the child missing in education guidance.
- Staff are aware of any vulnerable children (and potentially vulnerable children) and provision has been made for more rigorous checking - in procedures with these children. Staff are aware that **any** child could become vulnerable in these unusual circumstances and should remain on the alert for all pupils as usual.