

## BJS Child Protection & Safeguarding Policy addendum

### Coronavirus March 2020



During the changes put in place in response to the outbreak of coronavirus and the enforced closure of schools to the majority of pupils, we wish to share the following update to our current Child Protection and Safeguarding policy:

- All adults working with children are reminded that it is everyone's responsibility to safeguard children.
- Any concerns for the welfare of a child should be shared in the normal way on a 'logging concerns' form. This should then be handed to one of the DSLs in the setting.
- Although we are currently working away from BJS, staff still have face to face, telephone and email access to DSLs. (The information as to who that is within the school building is on the timetables shared with staff. Those not listed on the timetable are available remotely however if the concern is 'live' we ask that you see a DSL face to face.)
- DSLs will continue to communicate with Social Care and any other agency supporting children/families and will contribute to meetings held/assessments carried out.
- *Staff & volunteers will **uphold all expectations** shared in our existing policy with regard staff behaviour and actions to be taken where any concern for a child exists.*
- All adults have the right to share concerns for the welfare of a child directly with MASH if they feel appropriate. If this is done the person referring needs to let a DSL know as it is them that MASH will get back to once a referral is received. (MASH contact details at end of document.)
- DSLs will maintain regular contact with pupils/families considered vulnerable during the closure and will keep a log of this contact.
- Attendance at school will be recorded and submitted to the DfE daily as instructed in government guidelines. This will be done by the hosting school.
- Where a child considered to be vulnerable is absent from school when expected to be in attendance, one of the DSLs will follow this up to ensure the child is accounted for. (If this is a child with a Child Protection Plan one of the DSLs will notify the child's social worker.)
- Any adult who has concerns about the behaviour of an adult in school should follow school's established whistleblowing procedures and speak with Mrs A NORTON, Head teacher. (Contact details at the end of this document.)
- If the concern is about Mrs NORTON's behaviour then this should be reported to either Mrs D WADE (Head at Bawnmore Infant) or Mrs S HARRIS (Head at Bilton Infant) (Contact details at end of document.)

- All adults shall be vigilant for signs of peer on peer abuse and shall address /share any concerns if this is suspected.
- All adults shall be vigilant for signs of online abuse (due to the increased online activity expected during closure) and address/share any concerns.

**Contact details:**

**The designated safeguarding lead (DSL) is:** Mrs Alex NORTON

**Contact details: email:** head@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

**The deputy designated safeguarding leads are:** Mrs Kate WEBB (Deputy head) & Mrs Suzanne HODGSON (Support worker)

**Contact details: email:** deputy@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk or homeschoolsupport@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

**The nominated safeguarding governor is** Mrs Kerry NESSLING

**Contact details: email:** mrsnessling@biltonjuniorschool.co.uk

**Sharon Harris - [head2420@welearn365.com](mailto:head2420@welearn365.com)** (Head at Bilton Infant school) **tel 01788 811549**

**Debra Wade - [admin2423@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2423@welearn365.com)** (Head at Bawnmore Infant school) **tel 01788 811549**

**The MASH Operating Times are:**

8.30am - 5.30pm Monday - Friday

8.30am - 5.00pm on a Friday

**Tel 01926 414144**

**Outside of office hours for an immediate concern about a child in danger dial 999**

**Or contact the Emergency Duty Team on telephone number 01926 886922.**