



## **ADDENDUM – SAFEGUARDING AND CHILD PROTECTION POLICY**

This addendum to the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy is applicable to all Governors, staff, and visitors in respect of all pupils in the School.

### **1. Context**

In the event of a Covid-19 related lockdown Nendrum College will move to remote learning.

### **2. Core safeguarding principles**

Although the way the College is operating in response to COVID-19 is fundamentally different to business as usual, the following important safeguarding principles are still being followed:

- I. The best interests of children must come first.
- II. If anyone has a safeguarding concern about any child, they should continue to act on it immediately.
- III. A Designated Teacher or Deputy Designated Teacher should be available at all times.
- IV. It is essential that unsuitable people do not enter the school workforce or gain access to children.
- V. Children should continue to be protected when they are online.

### **3. Vulnerable children**

A risk assessment will be undertaken in consultation with the Education Authority and / or Social Worker to decide whether there is a need for additional support.

Where parents are concerned about the risk of the child contracting Covid-19, it is their decision regarding their child's attendance.

### **4. Pupil Attendance monitoring**

All pupils working from home will be regularly monitored in terms of their well-being and their engagement with remote learning.

### **5. Continuity of the Designated Teacher for Child Protection**

The Designated Teacher is: Miss V Thompson (Vice Principal)

The Deputy Designated Teacher is: C Maginnis (Senior Leader)

In the event of lockdown, staff will continue to engage with social workers, and attend multi-agency meetings as appropriate.

### **6. Reporting safeguarding concerns**

Where staff have a concern about a child, they should continue to follow the process outlined in the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.

### **7. Safeguarding training and induction**



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For the period COVID-19 measures are in place, the Designated Child Protection teachers who have been trained will continue to be classed as trained even if they miss their refresher training. All existing School staff have had Child Protection training. There will be communication with staff about any changes in local arrangements, so they know what to do if they are worried about a child. Where new staff are recruited, they will be provided with a safeguarding induction.

### **8. Online safety in and away from school**

The College will continue to provide a safe environment online and the IT department will continue to monitor internet filtering systems on School computers and detect any security breaches using the recognised services and tools.

It is important that all staff who interact with children online continue to look out for signs a child may be at risk. Any such concerns should be dealt with in line with Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy and, where appropriate, referrals should still be made.

Any live online interaction between staff and pupils will follow standard Child Protection guidance. All online teaching should follow the same principles as set out in the Code of Conduct and ICT Policy.

The College will also comply with any new guidance provided by the Department for Education in relation to providing education remotely and the use of online learning tools and systems will be used in line with data protection principles.

The College has implemented the following minimum standards for online learning:

- Staff and pupils must use their school account only.
- Only C2k approved platforms and apps will be used.
- For live lessons, staff and pupils must wear suitable clothing and use devices in an appropriate area.
- Language and behaviour must be appropriate.

#### Support for children and parents

Childline – [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

UK Safer Internet Centre to report and remove harmful online content –  
[www.reportharmfulcontent.com](http://www.reportharmfulcontent.com)

CEOP (to make a report about online abuse) – [www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre](http://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre)

Internet Matters (for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online –  
[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

Net-aware (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC) – [www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)

Parent info (for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online) –  
[www.parentinfo.org](http://www.parentinfo.org)

Thinkuknow (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online) –  
[www.thinkyouknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkyouknow.co.uk)

UK Safer Internet Centre (advice for parents and carers) -  
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advicecentre/parents-and-carers>



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### **9. Working with parents and carers**

The College has communicated to parents / guardians the importance of staying safe online. Should there be any concerns, parents' guardians are recommended to contact the College directly.

### **10. Supporting pupils not in School**

Nendrum College remains committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all its pupils, wherever possible, even though they may not be physically on the College site.

It is recognised that school is a protective factor for many children and the current circumstances, can affect the mental health of pupils and their parents/carers.

The School will share safeguarding messages with all stakeholders through regular communication channels. Pupils, parents and staff will be reminded about how they can raise any safeguarding concerns even when pupils are not physically on the College site.

The School is aware that during this period, some pupils may be affected by bereavement(s). Remote school counselling remains available and pupils and their parents / guardians can contact the school regarding this.

### **11. Supporting pupils in School during lockdown (if applicable)**

The College will adhere to government guidance on in-school provision during lockdown.

### **12. Peer on Peer Abuse**

Nendrum College recognises that during the closure a revised process may be required for managing any report of such abuse and supporting victims.

Pupils are likely to be using social media groups to keep in touch and just as before Covid-19, there will be issues relating to cyberbullying, coercion, etc.

Where the School receives a report of peer on peer abuse, we will follow the principles as set out in our Anti-Bullying Policy.

The School will listen and work with the young person/people, parents/carers and any multi-agency partner required to ensure the safety and security of them.

Concerns and actions will be recorded and if appropriate referrals made.

### **14. Links with other policies**

- Safeguarding Policy and Child Protection
- Pastoral Policy
- Acceptable Use of ICT Policy
- Positive Behaviour Policy
- Attendance Policy



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