

Safeguarding Addendum Remote Learning

Designated Safeguarding Lead

English Martyrs has two Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL) and a Deputy DSL.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is: Bronagh Nugent

The Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are: Nilufa Pasha and Lakisha McInroy

The optimal scenario during any part closure is to have a trained DSL (or deputy) available on site.

Where this is not the case, a trained DSL (or deputy) will be available to be contacted via phone, email or online video (using the Google Meet app via Google Classroom - for example when working from home).

Where a trained DSL (or deputy) is not on site, in addition to the above, a senior leader will assume responsibility for coordinating safeguarding on site. This might include updating child protection systems and liaising with the offsite DSL (or deputy).

It is important that all staff and volunteers have access to a trained DSL (or deputy). On each day, the staff on site will be made aware of who that person is and how to contact them.

The DSL will continue to engage with social workers, and attend all multi-agency meetings, which can be done remotely.

In the event of a full school closure with pupils and staff working remotely the DSL will be available via phone, email or the Google Meet App using Google Classroom platform. An online staff meeting will be held at least once a week to ensure contact is made between all members of staff and to ensure the smooth and effective running of the school. Staff members can contact the DSL or a deputy if contact can't be made with the DSL at any point during the working school day if they have concerns about a pupil/s.

Reporting a concern

Where staff have a concern about a child, they should continue to follow the process outlined in the school's Safeguarding Policy.

Staffs are reminded of the need to inform a trained DSL (or deputy) that they have recorded an incident/concern on CPOMs.

Where staff are concerned about an adult working with children in the school, they should report the concern to the Headteacher by email. If there is a requirement to make a notification to the Headteacher whilst away from school, this should be done verbally and followed up with an email to the headteacher.

Concerns around the Headteacher should be directed to the Tower Hamlets Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO): Melanie Benzie by emailing <mailto:LADO@towerhamlets.gov.uk> (07903 238827/0207 364 0677)

The DSL team will continue to offer support in the process of managing allegations.

Safeguarding Training and Induction

DSL training is very unlikely to take place whilst there remains a threat of the COVID 19 virus.

For the period COVID-19 measures are in place, a DSL (or deputy) who has been trained will continue to be classed as a trained DSL (or deputy) even if they miss their refresher training.

All existing school staff have had remote safeguarding training and have read Part 1 of Keeping Children Safe in Education (2020). The DSL will communicate with staff any new local arrangements, so they know what to do if they are worried about a child.

Where new staff are recruited, or new volunteers enter English Martyrs, they will continue to be provided with a safeguarding induction.

Upon arrival, they will be given a copy of the receiving setting's Safeguarding policy, confirmation of local processes and confirmation of DSL arrangements

DSL responsibilities

The DSL will follow the guidelines set out in the addendum to the School's Safeguarding policy - COVID-19 School Closure arrangements for Safeguarding and Child Protection at English Martyrs.