



Safeguarding Guidance for COVID-19

Addendum to Catch22 College Safeguarding Policy 2019 to reflect the related changes due to COVID-19.

Catch22 Independent and Academy schools are all closed, apart from essential provision for Key Worker and Vulnerable children, in response to the current situation with Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Vulnerable Children

Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those children and young people up to age 25 with Education, Health, Care Plans (EHCP).

Those who have a social worker include children who have a Child Protection Plan and those who are looked after by the Local Authority. A child may also be deemed vulnerable if they have been assessed as being in need or otherwise meet the definition in section 17 of the Children Act 1989.

Role of the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Each college site has identified DSL's who have all completed local authority training. Appendix 1 contains the information and contact details for DSL's. A DSL will be available for contact even when a college site is closed. If a DSL becomes unavailable due to sickness, it will be shared with staff who they need to contact in their absence, referring to Appendix 1. When the college site is open students who are in attendance will be informed who the DSL and this information will be displayed on site.

Risk assessment of Students

All students on the college roll have all been risk assessed and this is updated regularly by staff upon speaking to students, parents and carers and other professionals.

Each college is recording the whereabouts of all students e.g. attending site or home with parents/ carers. Where a student has a social worker, the information is also shared, and arrangements confirmed with them.

Recording Safeguarding Concerns and contact with Students

Safeguarding remains everyone's responsibility and action should be taken immediately where staff have concerns.

Learner concern forms continues to be used for recording any safeguarding concerns for students.

Welfare calls and home visits

Welfare phone calls are being made to parents and carers and the student is also spoken to on the call. These calls are recorded on individual students contacts. Vulnerable families will be contacted more by staff.



If a home visit is required they will be conducted by two members of staff and it will be a doorstep visit, ensuring the student is seen.

The police will also be contacted on 101 if further support is needed for welfare visits.

Where a student has a social worker all information will also be shared with that allocated worker.

Online Safety information for Parent and Carers

Young people will be spending an increased amount of time online and online safety is an important part of keeping children safe.

Our students are likely to be spending an increasing amount of time on their screens. This could increase vulnerability to a number of online risks, including:

- Sharing too much personal information
- Accessing age-inappropriate, unreliable content or fake news
- Cyberbullying
- Contact with groomers
- Extremism and radicalisation
- Commercial or financial exploitation

If your child discloses an online issue to whilst at home listen to them and take their concern seriously. Help your child report the site or service where the concern happened, depending on the concern you can report specific concerns online at:

Inappropriate content: <http://reportharmfulcontent.com/>

Terrorist content: <https://act.campaign.gov.uk/>

Child sexual abuse imagery: <https://report.iwf.org.uk/en>

Online Child Sexual abuse: <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

Online safety information for Students

The following websites provide support for students out of college hours

[Childline - for support](#)

[UK Safer Internet Centre - to report and remove harmful online content](#)

[CEOP - for advice on making a report about online abuse](#)

Students can also report concerns to their college DSL during school hours, contact details are in appendix 1.

Online Teaching

Communication will only be through;

- college email
- Learning resources available online, included pre-recorded sessions

No personal contact information will be shared with parents and carers or students.



Microsoft TEAMS (using the blackboard app or Powerpoint presentations which can be shared through screen share, not just with the teacher's face) will be the only platform used for taught learning sessions.

A timetable will be published of when lessons will be taught.

At the start of every live lesson students will be informed that the lesson is being recorded and their consent gained to continue participation in this session.

Students will be reminded that they should also be in an appropriate place to take part in the lesson, not in their bedrooms and their clothing should be appropriate.

Live lessons will be in groups only, there will be no 1:1 lessons.

The background will need to be blurred and staff should be in professional dress.

Lessons will be delivered on college site and supported by another staff member.

Further guidance for staff can be found here:

<https://www.catch-22.org.uk/news/guidance-on-delivering-and-accessing-remote-support/>
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/teachers-and-school-staff>

Mental Health Support for Students

Current circumstances can affect the mental health of children and young people.

Support websites

Young Minds: www.youngminds.org.uk

Kooth: www.kooth.com

Safeguarding Support outside of College Hours

For urgent safeguarding concerns outside of college hours, please contact your local authority children's services. The contact information can be found in appendix 1.





Appendix 1: Catch22 College DSL overview

Gemma Roberson, Catch22 Safeguarding Manager. 07733128738 Gemma.roberson@catch-22.org.uk

Martin Keightley, Compliance Support Officer- Safeguarding. 07872416015 Martin.keightley@catch-22.org.uk

Norfolk	Bracknell	Swindon	Southend	Nottingham	Durham	Maidstone
<p>Thetford Richard Smith Richard.smith@catch-h-22.org.uk 07872416014</p> <p>Karen Quinsee Karen.quinsee@catch-h-22.org.uk</p>	<p>Robyne Simpson Robyne.simpson@catch-22.org.uk 07734022426</p>	<p>Kathryn Caskey Kathryn.caskey@catch-22.org.uk 07764810755</p> <p>Rachel Myles Rachel.myles@catch-22.org.uk</p>	<p>Charmaine Grier Charmaine.grier@catch-22.org.uk 07739851069</p> <p>Shelley Knight Shelley.knight@catch-22.org.uk 07789720470</p>	<p>Nicola Hearne Nicola.hearne@catch-22.org.uk 07540671571</p> <p>Steph Kinash Steph.kinash@catch-22.org.uk</p>	<p>Louise Hickley Louise.hickley@catch-22.org.uk 07734077425</p> <p>Kirsten Dinsdale Kirsten.dinsdale@catch-22.org.uk 07711244356</p>	<p>Roma Ferreria Roma.ferreria@catch-22.org.uk 07795428370</p> <p>Karen Unthank Karent.unthank@catch-h-22.org.uk</p>
<p>Great Yarmouth Steve McGee Steve.McGee@catch-22.org.uk 07595089227</p> <p>Sarah Jones Sarah.jones@catch-22.org.uk</p>					<p>Bishop Auckland John Brannan John.brannan@catch-22.org.uk 07738 040472</p> <p>Graham Cowen Graham.cowen@catch-22.org.uk 07739511258</p>	



Out of college hours	Out of college hours	Out of college hours	Out of college hours	Out of college hours	Out of college hours	Out of college hours
Norfolk CADS 0344 8008020	DutyTeam 01344 786543	Duty Team 01793 436699	Duty Team 0845 6061212	Duty Team 0115 8764800	Duty Team 03000 267979	Duty Team 03000 411111