

# ***Thurlton Primary School***

## ***Annex (in light of Covid 19 April 2020) to Whole School Policy for Safeguarding Children incorporating Child Protection***



### **Policy Consultation & Review**

This policy is available on our school website and is available on request from the school office. We also inform Parent/Carers about this policy when their child/ren join our school and through our school newsletter.

We recognise the expertise our staff builds by undertaking safeguarding training and managing safeguarding concerns on a daily basis and we therefore invite staff to contribute to and shape this policy and associated safeguarding arrangements.

The policy is provided to all staff at induction alongside our Staff Code of Conduct, Behaviour Policy and the safeguarding response to those Pupils who are Missing from Education. In addition, all staff are provided with Part One of the statutory guidance ['Keeping Children Safe in Education'](#), DfE (2019).

This policy will be reviewed in full by the Governing Body on an annual basis. This policy was last reviewed and ratified by the Governing Body on September 2019.

It is due for review on July 2020

## **Appendix Safeguarding Covid 19 April 2020**

**At Thurlton Primary our fundamental aims regarding Safeguarding remain the same, however due to the current Coronavirus Pandemic schools are operating in a different way. Please rest assured that the safety and well-being of Children, Parents/Carers and staff remain our priority. Although we are all adjusting and working differently at present, a number of Safeguarding Principles remain the same.**

These include.

- If required Thurlton Primary School remains open for those pupils whose parents are key workers, vulnerable students and those with an EHCP. In response to this, a Designated Safeguarding Lead or deputy will be present on site each day, as well as some staff.
- All staff therefore continue to have a safeguarding duty to report any issues while the school is closed, so that these can be dealt with quickly and in the usual way.
- If staff have a safeguarding concern for any pupil, they should report this immediately via telephone to the main school office on 01508 548318 and ask to speak to the DSL or ADSL, if working from home the calls are diverted to the school mobile which can then be answered. The Safeguarding concerns will be recorded using a Yellow Form and added to the Safeguarding Folder and the next steps carried out.
- Where a parent/carer needs to report a safeguarding concern for a child, they can either contact the school via the main telephone number and ask to speak to the DSL or ADSL. They can also access the Norfolk County Council, Hear Something, See Something, Say Something telephone number 0344 800 8020 (This number has also been shared on the Schools Facebook and Twitter Sites)

**If a child is at significant risk, you must call the police on 999 immediately**

### ***Designated Safeguarding Leads and Deputies (DSLs)***

A trained DSL (Miss Davison) or ADSL (Mrs Hambley) will be available each day in school or, where this is not possible, via telephone call.

### ***Vulnerable Children***

The government has identified vulnerable children as those who have a social worker and those children and young people up to the age of 25 with EHC plans. Thurlton Primary School will continue to work in partnership with local authorities and the virtual schools to support students through this difficult time. The HT and Staff know who their most vulnerable children are and have the flexibility to offer a place to those on the edge of receiving children's social care support.

### ***Attendance***

In guidance with the DFE, Thurlton Primary School will not complete their usual day – to –day attendance processes, however will follow up with any parent or carer who has arranged care for their children and the pupil subsequently does not attend.

### ***Mental Health***

Negative experiences and distressing life events, can affect the mental health of Pupils and their Parents or Carers. Thurlton Primary School will continue to support students and parents/carers by continuing provision for those that are in school or providing information and activities to support mental health through the school's website, email, Facebook and Twitter pages.

Norfolk have provided links to mental health resources:

<https://www.goodschoolsguide.co.uk/special-educational-needs/mental-health/apps-for-mental-health>

<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/what-to-do-if-you-re-anxious-about-coronavirus/>

<https://www.annafreud.org/on-my-mind/self-care/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health>

<https://gozen.com/>

<https://copingskillsforkids.com/>

<https://www.gonoodle.com/>

### ***Supporting Students Who Are Not In School***

All support of families during this time will be recorded using the specific Covid19 Folder. Email/ Tapestry and Telephone contact to be recorded.

### ***Monitoring of Vulnerable Pupils Who Are Not Attending School***

Thurlton Primary School will be keeping in regular contact with pupils, this will be daily for the most vulnerable. Contact during the holiday period may be limited with priority given to the most vulnerable students. A log will be kept of all communication.

### ***Online Safety/Safe Remote Learning***

Thurlton Primary will be providing work via the School's website on a weekly basis. Designated Staff emails and an existing Tapestry online account is also used to share work. Parents and carers should ensure that their children keep themselves safe online. Further advice can be found on the below sites.

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

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/> (reporting abuse online)

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> (guide to social networks, apps and games)

<https://parentinfo.org/> (help and advice for the digital world)

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>