Safeguarding Policy, COVID-19 Addendum

National guidance, contained within the Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) framework remains in force throughout the response to coronavirus and Colleges are expected to continue to comply with its requirements.

However, keeping children safe has taken on a new meaning during the pandemic and created new risks and challenges. The DfE (Department for Education) has issued interim non-statutory guidance on safeguarding in schools and colleges during the outbreak – this includes where those providers might consider safeguarding policies and processes differently from usual.

We have reviewed our safeguarding policies and processes, and considered our approaches, taking into account the DfE’s interim guidance. We have drawn up protocols around online learning, the fact of reduced face to face contact, and new classroom and staffing arrangements.

This includes looking in particular at risk assessments, remote learning, mental health and wellbeing, vulnerable children and other relevant procedures.

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