



## Safeguarding Advice and Guidance During Partial School Closure for COVID-19

*Safeguarding Is Still Everyone's Responsibility.*

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff, visitors and volunteers to share this commitment.

### Child Protection: Summary

Teachers and others in regular contact with children and young people are in a position to get to know those individuals well, to develop trusting relationships, observe changes in behaviour and may be chosen by the young person to share confidence and concerns. Regrettably, there are occasions where child abuse is alleged or suspected. All such situations must be taken seriously.

It is the policy of **TCAT School** to safeguard the welfare of children and all others involved in the school's activities by protecting them from physical, sexual, emotional harm and neglect and being aware of the additional risks to them from CSE, FGM, Radicalisation and peer to peer abuse.

At all times the welfare of the young person is paramount especially during the partial school closure.

### Responding to a disclosure

If a child discloses information which makes you concerned for their welfare and/or safety you must

**IMMEDIATELY** pass that information to the senior member of staff in school that day. You will be asked to email the information recording what was said when and any other factual information. The senior member of staff on site may be a DSL if not the senior member of staff will telephone the appropriate DSL who will take over the management of the case. They will record the concerns and follow up actions on CPOMS and report back to the original member of staff that they are dealing with the matter.

### Responding to a welfare concern

During the time that you are with the students you may have a concern about a child's welfare. This should be shared with the senior member of staff in school that day who can then decide on the most appropriate follow up. This may be through contact with a member of the Pastoral Team.

### Concerns about an adult working with children in school

Concerns of this nature must be shared with the Principal or Headteacher on site. This should be done verbally and followed up by email. In any instance that they are not available the concern must be shared with the most senior member of staff on site. If the concern is regarding the Principal or Headteacher then the Chair of Governor's must be informed.

### Key Staff details

Principal / Headteacher: **DETAILS AND EMAIL CONTACT OF RELEVANT STAFF**

Headteacher Lower: Mrs Tracey Hatton-t.hatton@bridgewaterhigh.com

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Safeguarding Officer– Mrs Fiona Allen– f.allen@bridgewaterhigh.com

Chair of Governors– Mr Steve Whatmore– Stephen.Whatmore@icloud.co