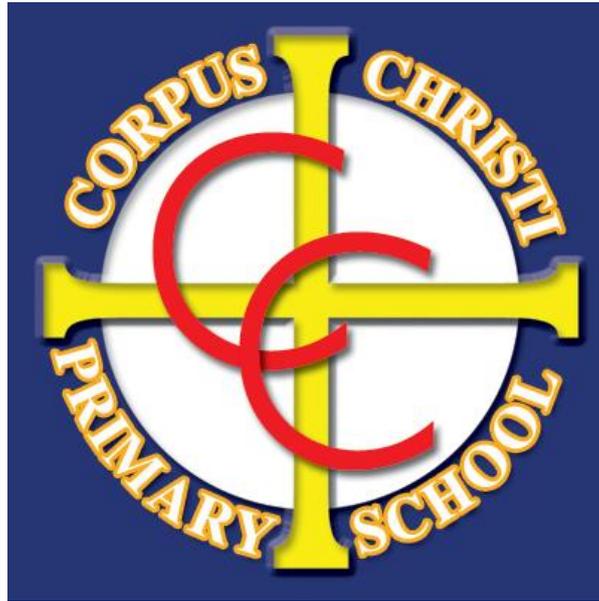


Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School



Child Protection Policy CoVid 19 Addendum

'Corpus Christi Catholic Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.'

| Designation | Name | Date Approved | Date of Renewal |
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| Headteacher | Mrs Samantha Birchall | May 2020 | May 2021 |
| Chair of Governors | Mr John Williams | May 2020 | May 2021 |

In light of the changes necessary changes in place to help prevent the spread of CoVid 19, we will undertake the following duties to ensure Child Protection is at its highest and in the best interest of the children:

- staff and volunteers may continue to identify new safeguarding concerns about individual children as they see them in person
- staff and volunteers should continue to follow the usual procedures, through the DSL, if they have any concerns about a child, including new concerns where children are returning
- there is a continued importance of all staff and volunteers acting and acting immediately on any safeguarding concerns, including new concerns where children are returning
- relevant safeguarding and welfare information held on all children (including returning children) remains accurate. Corpus Christi (led by Mrs Birchall, Miss Mowatt and Mrs Martin will be doing all they reasonably can to ask parents and carers to advise them of any changes regarding welfare, health and wellbeing that they should be aware of before a child returns
- the Safeguarding Leads continue to be Mrs Samantha Birchall, deputised by Mrs Natalie Martin and Miss Alexandra Mowatt
- should staff or volunteers have concerns regarding another member of staff or volunteer, they should continue to follow Safeguarding and Whistleblowing procedures in full
- as, initiated during partial closure, regular phone calls and contact will be made to all families, but particularly those with vulnerable children, to ensure their safety and wellbeing.
- remote learning activities will continue to be set for those continuing home learning
- DSL and SENDCo in constant contact with all agencies related to EHCP children and families to ensure consistency in care and educational provision continues
- Communication between school and children's social workers, the local authority virtual school head for looked-after and previously looked-after children and any other relevant safeguarding and welfare partners continues throughout

Vulnerable children for the purposes of continued attendance during the coronavirus outbreak are those across all year groups who:

- are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, including children who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child

- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan and it is determined, following risk assessment ([risk assessment guidance](#)), that their needs can be as safely or more safely met in the educational environment
- have been assessed as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued attendance. This might include children and young people on the edge of receiving support from children's social care services, adopted children, those at risk of becoming NEET ('not in employment, education or training'), those living in temporary accommodation, those who are young carers and others at the provider and local authority's discretion

Local authorities have the key day-to-day responsibility for delivery of children's social care. Social workers and virtual school heads will continue to work with vulnerable children in this difficult period. Corpus Christi will continue to work with and support children's social workers, virtual school heads and any other relevant safeguarding and welfare partners to help protect vulnerable children.

Vulnerable children attendance is expected, where it is appropriate for them (that is, where there are no shielding concerns for the child or their household, and/or following a risk assessment for children with an EHC plan), so that they can gain the educational and wellbeing benefits of attending. Vulnerable children – regardless of year group – that have not been attending in the recent period are expected to return to school where this would now be appropriate for them to do so. Attendance expectations across the different groups of vulnerable children is as follows:

- for vulnerable children who have a social worker, attendance is expected unless the child/household is shielding or clinically vulnerable
- for vulnerable children who have an education health and care (EHC) plan, attendance is expected where it is determined, following [risk assessment](#), that their needs can be as safely or more safely met in the educational environment
- for vulnerable children who are deemed otherwise vulnerable, at the school, college or local authority discretion, attendance is expected unless the child/household is shielding or clinically vulnerable

Corpus Christi will continue to notify social workers where children with a social worker do not attend. We will also continue to follow up with any parent or carer whose child has been expected to attend and doesn't. We will take the opportunity when communicating with parents and carers to

confirm emergency contact numbers are correct and ask for any additional emergency contact numbers where they are available.

Parents and carers will not be penalised if their child does not attend educational provision.