Safeguarding & Online Safety Policy / AUP Addendum for Home Learning (Covid-19 Closures)

During St Leonard's Voluntary Aided Church of England Primary School closure (apart for children of key workers) and remote learning, the same principles of safeguarding, online safety and behaviour apply. However, St Leonard's Voluntary Aided Church of England Primary School have reviewed policies, reminded stakeholders of existing principles and identified any which needed reinforcing due to new (mostly online) procedures and activities.

Here are some documents/reading to remind or reinforce online teaching and learning during Covid-19 Closures:

1) The new DfE Covid Safeguarding Guidance is essential reading https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-safeguarding-in-schools-colleges-and-other-providers/coronavirus-covid-19-safeguarding-in-schools-colleges-and-other-providers.

2) Reread St Leonard's Voluntary Aided Church of England Primary School policies for online safety, safeguarding and AUPs.

3) Whatever technology you are using for lessons, look at the 20 safeguarding principles for remote lessons in the infographic at https://static.lgfl.net/LgflNet/downloads/digisafe/Safe-Lessons-by-Video-and-Livestream.pdf Examples are not using private accounts, logging all contacts, issues and concerns, considering pupils with SEND, avoiding private chats with pupils, etc. Stick to what you know and can safely operate!

4) There are many online scams playing on people's fears and the current situation. See Nation Online Safety Portal and DfE KCSiE Remote Safeguarding Guidance: Online Safety for DSLs, Teachers and Parents for help keeping staff and families safe & secure (Training webinar available from April 14th 2020 for DSLs, Teachers and Parents).

5) All policy and AUP issues are worthy of reminders, but especially the importance of critical thinking: not just to combat fake news and scams, but also because of increased grooming activity relating to radicalisation or child sexual exploitation as a result of greater online access to children.

6) Remind those with access to school devices about rules on the misuse of school technology – devices used at home should be used just like if they were in full view of a teacher or colleague.

7) How are you helping parents to keep children safe? The National Online Safety posters to be placed on the website. Remote Learning for Children Poster www.st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/REMOTE-LEARNING-FOR-CHILDREN.pdf Remote Learning for Parent Poster www.st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/REMOTE-LEARNING-FOR-PARENTS.pdf The Remote Learning for Teacher Poster www.st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/REMOTE-LEARNING-FOR-TEACHERS.pdf is to be distributed via the School's Official App (ParentApps Connect).

8) In school 'appropriate filtering' is still used at school, but at home many parents will not be using parental controls, so they will be reminded to use the National Online Safety Guides www.st-leonards.lancs.sch.uk/digital-safety-guides. Parents will also be introduced to child-safe search engines e.g. swiggle.org.uk and YouTube Kids instead of YouTube.

10) Lots of people are offering their services on social media to give online tuition to other people's children. Remind parents not to engage someone they do not know, that they should listen in where possible, any sessions should be in family areas not bedrooms, and that children need to be told that tutors should not arrange new sessions or online chats directly with them.

13) If any safeguarding issues, during home learning or child/parent communication (ClassDojo, SKYPE or phone call) arise, continue to log incidents on CPOMs https://stleonardslancs.cpoms.net/. Then please contact Bev in the first instance if she is on site. If she is unavailable or off site, please phone Andrea. If you cannot contact either of us please phone the safeguarding advice team on 01772 531196. You will need the child's name and DOB. This office will be manned Monday to Friday 9 – 5pm. If you cannot get an answer email mash.education@lancashire.gov.uk to request a call back

15) Staff training will not be happening face to face, so online CPD will be sourced through class teachers themselves and SLT. DfE KCSiE Remote Safeguarding Guidance: Online Safety for DSLs, Teachers and Parents will be live from April 14th 2020. This CPD webinar will give guidance to support and maintain effective safeguarding practice in line with Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSiE). It states that it is more important than ever that schools and colleges provide a safe environment, including online. This is especially important given that many children are now learning away from school.