

Dealing with Covid 19.

BEYA Nursery Schools and Children's Centre response to Covid 19 in light of safeguarding.

In light of the DFE Guidance: **Guidance for schools: coronavirus (COVID-19)**
: June 2020.

BEYA will continue to focus on the following principles:

- We will operate in the best interests of children
- If anyone in school has a safeguarding concern about any child they should continue to act and act immediately.
- DSL (Caron Rudge, Kelly Brooker and Katie Coletti and Corinne Hurd) will always be available.
- It is essential that unsuitable people are not allowed to enter the children's workforce and/or gain access to children

During the period of Covid 19 the following procedures will be in place:

All vulnerable children (as defined by the DFE April 2020):

- 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 whose needs cannot be met safely in the home environment
- have been assessed as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children's social care services), and who are therefore in need of continued education provision

will be encouraged to attend school unless they have an underlying health condition or where attending school could potentially put the child at greater risk of harm.

For those children who are not attending school they will be contacted by their keyworker or known professional. The aim of the contact is to, as far as possible, establish the child's well-being, the family's well-being and the learning taking place at home.

All key staff will log their contact and any significant key points, which will in turn be shared with the leadership team and SLT as appropriate.

Where the keyworker is unable to contact her/his key children, the family will be referred to BEYA family support and they will liaise with agencies as appropriate.

The above procedures will be shared with the staff team.

The school will engage with all professionals including social workers, so that it operates within the context of sharing information as outlined by the DFE (Information Sharing 2018); to ensure key information is shared with appropriate professionals in a timely manner that operates in the best interest of the child.

Children's well being will be continued to be enhanced through the following channels:

- Contact with parents from their keyworker and a suggested activity to try at home, if appropriate
- Online information to support children's learning including the importance of routines, fun/exercise and play.
- Support for parents as appropriate
- Information provided to parents/carers about online safety and use of parent controls
- Children's Centre staff are available for 1:1 support

All information relating to safeguarding will be shared with Primary Schools or other educational institutions as appropriate including when the child leaves a BEYA Nursery School. Such information will be shared with the appropriate personnel within that educational institution which will include Child Protection Plans, Child In Need Plans and any other relevant information that contributes to supporting the child's well being and learning.

A summary of procedures in addressing Covid 19 and impact the school is having, will be reported to Governors via the Headteacher's report on a termly basis or as frequently as required.

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