



**LONGSPEE**

'Happy, Safe, Progress'

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Safeguarding and Pastoral Care Arrangements in Case of Full or Partial School Closure**

As a school, our priority is always for the safety of the children in our care. I am writing to explain how we aim to continue serving our students during possible school closures.

You will also receive an information sheet (attached) providing details of contacts which can be used to support your children whilst school may be shut. During the current crisis, we expect there to be an impact on mental health and the services listed in the attached sheet will be available to help in such cases.

In making these plans, we are ensuring that as far as we can and where there is need, we are supporting those pupils who may need it whilst maintaining robust safeguarding procedures for staff and pupils. Our Safeguarding Leads will continue to keep an overview of all processes and will be in regular contact with pastoral staff to ensure that everything is working correctly and students are being supported.

#### **If you are concerned for the safety of a child:**

If you become concerned about a child and their wellbeing you should take the following steps:

If a child is in imminent danger of harm the advice is always to call the emergency services and report your concerns.

Or, for other safeguarding concerns, contact the Safeguarding Leads, Mr S Burt or Mr D Garden via [reception@longspeeschool.co.uk](mailto:reception@longspeeschool.co.uk) or by calling the school reception on **01202 380266**.

I am confident that by employing these steps, we will be able to support those pupils who require it and keep our focus on safeguarding children from home during periods of school closure.

Thank you for your support and understanding throughout this period and, please rest assured, we will do all we can to support your children and guard their safety at all times.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Burt & Mr D Garden

**Listed below are organisations that you may find helpful**

**Childline**

**Online, On the phone, Anytime**

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>    **0800 11 11**

**Young minds**

**Fighting for young people's mental health**

<https://youngminds.org.uk/>    **020 7089 5050**

**Contact**

**For families with disabled children**

<https://contact.org.uk/>    **0808 808 3555**

**Family Lives**

**We build better family lives together**

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/>    **0808 800 2222**

**Barnardo's**

**Every child has a right to a safe childhood**

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/>

**Kidscape**

**Help with bullying**

<https://www.kidscape.org.uk/>    **020 7823 5430**

**Papyrus**

**Prevention of young suicide**

<https://papyrus-uk.org/>    **0800 068 4141**

**Samaritans**

**Providing emotional support to anyone in emotional distress**

<https://www.samaritans.org/>    **116 123**

[jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org) (response time:24 hours)

### **Kooth**

**Free, Safe and anonymous online support for young people**

<https://kooth.com/>

### **Chat Health**

**Chat Health is a confidential text messaging service that enables children and young people (aged 11-19) to contact their local public health nursing (school nursing) team**

**07480 635511**

### **Number 18**

**Providing confidential information and advice for young people aged 12 to 19**

**Email [info@upinpoole.co.uk](mailto:info@upinpoole.co.uk) 01202 262291**

### **CAMHS**

**For children and young people's emotional health and wellbeing**

<https://camhsdorset.org/> 01202 584600

### **FID (Family Information Directory)**

**Helping families to find local childcare, services and activities**

<https://www.fid.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/kb5/poole/fis/home.page> 01202 261999

### **Social Services**

**A wide range of information, services and support in the area of children and young people's social services**

**01202 735046 out of hours social care 01202 657279**

### **EHAP (Early Help Assessment and Plan)**

**Accessing the right help at the right time for children and young people**

**01202 262626**

### **NSPCC Mental health:**

**Advice if you're struggling with your mental health.**

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/>