



COVID-19 Safeguarding Policy Update

The principles of Keeping Children Safe in Education 2019, alongside our school safeguarding and child protection policies, continue to apply despite us operating in a different way. Key safeguarding principles remain:

1. The best interests of the child should always come first
2. If anyone in school has a safeguarding concern, act appropriately and inform the safeguarding team. NBR/PGR/SSA/ADA/PBR/CHU via email, telephone or google meet. Safeguarding staff are on the staff rota for each day to support with this.

The school continues to support our families through pastoral support structures during this time and through email communications, daily Headteacher bulletins, student and parent portals and the school website – Care, Support and Guidance. This support extends to the mental health of our staff, students and families alongside online safety.

As a school, we have created a 'Keeping in Touch' list that allows for parent and student contacts to be made and acted upon throughout the school closure to support children and families who are in need or who do not meet the current 'vulnerable' definition.

If at any point, as a school, we need to fully close and our students need to attend an alternative setting then we will ensure that Culcheth High School staff are present and that they continue to have responsibility for our children.

We continue to work with partner agencies such as social care and Virtual School Heads to support the safeguarding of our young people and to ensure vulnerable children are protected.

[Culcheth High School Child Protection Policy](#)

[Culcheth High School Safeguarding Policy](#)

[Culcheth High School's Care & Guidance website](#)