

Safeguarding/Peer on Peer Abuse Policy – Addendum published in light of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) 6 April 2020

All staff should be aware that safeguarding issues can manifest themselves via peer on peer abuse. This is most likely to include but may not be limited to:

- Bullying (including cyberbullying);
- Physical abuse such as hitting, kicking, shaking, biting, hair pulling or otherwise causing physical harm;
- Sexual violence such as rape, assault by penetration and sexual assault;
- Sexual harassment, such as sexual comment, remarks, jokes and online harassment which may be stand-alone or part of a broader pattern of abuse;
- Upskirting, which typically involves taking a picture under a person's clothing without them knowing, with the intention of viewing their genitals or buttocks to obtain sexual gratification or cause the victim humiliation, distress or alarm;
- Sexting (also known as youth produced sexual imagery)
- Initiation/hazing type violence and rituals

(KCSIE 2019)

During this time it is important that staff must feel enabled to discuss issues about online access and support and reinforce appropriate behaviours online. This includes understanding why age limits are in place on social media platforms, encouraging children to share online concerns talking about issues that have happened in an open forum and working closely with parents.

At this end during welfare conversations class practitioners should discuss with parents the importance of keeping children safe online. Any such conversations can be added to the welfare call write up recorded on cpoms.

At St Pius X Catholic Primary School we have the following policies in place that should be read in conjunction with the peer on peer abuse policy

- Child Protection Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Online Safety Policy – including acceptable use
- Children Missing from Education

If there is a concern that a child is not engaging in planned learning activities, and that child's Class Teacher is unable to contact the parent, the teacher should inform the Designated Lead or Deputy Designated Lead.

Children who attend school should enter via the main entrance and are dismissed from that entrance. Pupils should only be dismissed to known family members and if staff are unsure checks should take place before dismissal of the pupil.

While our school site remains open for vulnerable children and children of key workers the Designated Safeguarding Lead and Deputy are Peter Gair and Nicholas Bennett due to their level of training and skill. However due to these unprecedented circumstances they may not physically be on our school site every day. In this case they are contactable by telephone.