

Keeping children safe during Covid-19 – template policy

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Please note: the information contained in this legal update is correct as of the 9 June 2020

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It is highly probable that your existing policies will not accurately reflect the new arrangements required in response to COVID-19. You should therefore review your existing policy and include the annex, which sets out how child protection duties will be discharged during this time.

Our template:

- Covers all statutory obligations outlined in the new guidance
- Available in Microsoft Word format - simply add your school or trust name where directed

To further support you with your child protection obligations and improve understanding of the new guidance, we held a webinar on Friday 3 April. You can watch a recording of the [webinar here](#).

During the session, our leading safeguarding and HR experts [Dai Durbridge](#) and [Emma Hughes](#) covered:

- the key amendments introduced by the DfE;
- how you can disseminate the amends to your staff and test their ongoing understanding;
- what to do if you do not have designated safeguarding leads on site;
- how to manage your safeguarding obligations where you have staff from other schools on site; and
- the importance of amending your single central record.

Additional resources:

- [Confirmation letter link here](#)
- [Evidencing learning outcomes quiz link here](#)

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