

23 March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

As the Government has announced that schools will now close there may be some of you that are worried about how we will be supporting our most vulnerable students. This is a worrying situation for us all and presents many challenges. Our aim is to support one another through, what can only be described as an unprecedented situation. During the partial closure, the priority of the school will be the safety and well-being of our students and families, particularly those most at risk.

As the Trust's Safeguarding Lead, I will be available during normal school hours to support our Designated Safeguarding Leads in dealing with any safeguarding matters that arise. The Designated Safeguarding Leads for each of our schools will also be available via email if you or your child wishes to discuss anything or need advice. Please feel free to email me with any concerns which you feel needs addressing and I will do my best to ensure the appropriate authorities and professionals are advised. This may be particularly useful for those families which are currently receiving additional support from the school or who have any kind of involvement with social care.

Contact details:

Trust Safeguarding Lead

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The Orion Academy

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Northern House Academy

Mrs C Roberts	Headteacher	c.roberts@thegallerytrust.co.uk
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Bardwell School

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Mrs Y Fay	Deputy head Teacher	y.fay@iffleyacademy.co.uk

Out of normal school hours and in case of emergency, the following organisations can also provide help and support.

Organisation	Remit	Contact details
MASH Team	Safeguarding Concerns	0345 050 7666
SPA Team	Mental Health Concerns	01865 902515
HopeLine UK	Suicide Prevention Team	0800 068 4141 pat@papryus-uk.org
NSPCC	To report any concerns about a child or to see advice (for adults and young people)	www.nspcc.org.uk
Childline	A free, private and confidential service where young people can talk about anything	0800 1111 www.childline.org.uk
Samaritans	Emotion support to anyone in emotional distress, struggling to cope, or at risk of suicide	116 123 www.samaritans.org
Police	Any non-emergency matters	101
NHS Direct	Non-emergency medication matters	111 www.111.nhs.uk
Domestic abuse	National Domestic Violence Hotline	0800 2000 247 helpline@womensaid.org.uk
Respect	Men's Advice line	0808 8010327 www.mensadvice.org.uk

If at any point during the partial closure any member of staff mentioned in this letter is taken ill, or is unable to work because of caring for other family members, your concerns will be passed on to another appropriate staff member.

During this period of partial closure, we will check in with families at least once a week through keeping in touch calls.

Sending my best wishes to you and your families,

Joanna Jones
Director of SEND and School Improvement
Trust Safeguarding Lead