

Monitoring Meeting 26/01/21

Safeguarding / Early Years

LW – Governor NB – Deputy Head/ DSL

How are our vulnerable children and parents being supported?

- Comprehensive updated Covid-19 addendum (Child Protection and Safeguarding)
- Robust Contact Plans for vulnerable and non-vulnerable children which staff are following.
- Vulnerable children seen either in person or virtually every week.
- Not all vulnerable children are in school at present but staff are working with these families and any identified concerns are recorded via My Concern and/or DSL.
- Where there is concern staff (e.g. Class Teacher/Engagement Officer) are going out to do a socially distanced visit to give advice and support to parents and see children. (Family is contacted just prior to any visit).
- DJ (Mental Health Lead) is working with LA to support vulnerable children and families. She has created a spreadsheet to support weekly safeguarding meetings with all relevant information about each vulnerable child which can be updated and monitored weekly.
- Links with other services e.g Social Services / Blackpool Council([children.partners.update@blackpool.gov.uk](mailto:children.partners.update@blackpool.gov.uk)) /other schools are made to ensure all relevant parties are aware of any concerns or visits etc.

How are our non-vulnerable children and parents being supported?

- Non-vulnerable children/families contacted by phone weekly with any concerns highlighted to DSL/DSO or via My Concern.
- A cause for concern would be if no contact has been made with child or family (i.e. no work sent back to school) or contact is only limited.
- These are also discussed at weekly phase meetings with follow done by staff e.g. letter sent to parents.
- Staff using a Google Meet session with their whole class once a week which enables them to have 'eyes on' all children.
- Children with Mental Health Safety Plan are able to continue to access their 'safe' person to talk to.

How is online learning being supported?

- Staff are posting their videos for children to watch with direct teaching as well as directing them to agreed websites for learning.
- Star of the Week is continuing and staff use videos to congratulate and motivate children in their learning.
- 87 laptops have arrived from DFE and they are being set up in school ready for children to use at home. Parents were previously surveyed regarding their access to

a computer and internet access. Some of these laptops have gone out now with priority allocation to upper KS2 children with no home computer.

- Blackpool Wifi hot spots can also be accessed for families struggling with connectivity via school.
- School is also able to access extra data for families in need via DFE and Mobile Providers.

How is learning in Early Years being supported?

- Early Years children are continuing to have weekly paper leaning packs and resources to help with these have been sent home too.
- Staff use SeeSaw to set Maths, Literacy, Phonics and 1 other task.
- Phonics learning is being specifically targeted to the child.
- Work can be photographed and uploaded by parents for teachers to see and mark.
- Staff follow up where there is little or no engagement i.e. no work sent back or uploaded for staff to see or no answer to weekly contact.
- 7 children due to start in Nursery in January but unable to due to Covid. It is hoped funding may still come in for these children – places to be kept open.
- Initially Government said Nursery classes in Maintained Schools would be open for vulnerable/key worker children but this changed and non-compliance would result in a loss of funding. As a result our Nursery is now open to our Nursery children. A new risk assessment has been completed and a new safe number of children in Nursery set at 15. Not all parents wanted to send their children in and as a result there has been an average of 9 children in the morning session (no afternoon session).

Staff Training

- New staff have completed Safeguarding training online and new PHSE training is also going ahead.
- Teaching staff are in school at least once a week / TA's in more (2/3).
- Staff are working hard to record lessons that can then be put online.

All the staff at Boundary are working hard to keep the children and themselves safe. Any concerns are picked up quickly and vulnerable children and families monitored weekly. There is information on the school Website and Facebook page to help parents keep their children safe online too. Procedures are clear for staff to follow and the relationship and understanding staff have of the needs of the children and families is apparent

I am sure the all Governors would join me in thanking all the staff for their contribution to the safety of the children at Boundary and to the learning that our children continue to access in these continuously challenging circumstances.

