

13th January 2021

Dear Parents / carers,

As we find ourselves in this latest national lockdown, I want to assure you that the health and safety of children and young people remains a priority for everyone. As you know, our school takes safeguarding very seriously and I wanted to inform you of our ongoing arrangements to keep children safe during this period of remote learning.

To ensure we are able to continue to support pupils and families, and as part of our safeguarding arrangements, we will be making regular contact with you while your child is not in school. This maybe by phone, ClassDojo, Zoom calls and possibly home visits. All children will receive welfare calls throughout the week from school staff to see how things are going at home. These calls maybe from:

- Class teacher or Learning Support Assistant
- Special Educational Needs Team
- Pastoral Support Team
- Learning Mentors

We understand how worrying it is for you during this time and we will do everything we can to continue to support you. It is vital that you support us in arrangements going forward and to inform us of any concerns about your child. Meanwhile, if you need to contact the school, you can do so by:

- 1) *emailing the school at admin@whitehallacademy.essex.sch.uk Please put the staff member's name you wish to contact on the email*
- 2) *Sending a message on ClassDojo*
- 3) *Phoning the school on 01255 422825*

You will find some useful online safety guidance on the E-safety tab on our school website www.whitehallacademy.co.uk.

Contact details for support

We have provided the details of external agencies that can provide additional support if required.

- Family Operation Hub – Children's Social Care– 0845 603 7627
- Salvation Army – 01255 423328
- CVS – Community Voluntary Services – 01255 425692
- Clacton Food Cycle - Free take away meals on Mondays 12pm-1pm Clacton Baptist Church 117 Pier Avenue – 01255 474391
- EXTRA – Support for Families. 01255 475001

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- Baby Bank Tendring – babybanktendring@yahoo.com
- North Essex Support Team (NEST) – nestassist@gmail.com
- NSPCC – 0808 800 5000
- Childline – 0800 1111
- Samaritans – 116 123
- Cruse bereavement – 0800 808 1677
- MIND – 0300 123 3393 (Mon-Fri 9-6)
- Health in Mind – healthinmind@hpft.nhs.uk - 0300 330 5455
- Colchester and Tendring Women’s Refuge – 01670 820199 www.homegroup.org.uk
- ESSEX COMPASS - NEXT CHAPTER - 01206 500585 Essex Domestic Abuse Helpline 0330 333 7444
- Emotional Well-Being and Mental Health Service (EWMHS) 0300 300 1600
- Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service (formally Barnados) 01206 372 300 vcl.essexne-
martello@nhs.net
- NHS Direct – 111
- Universal Credit helpline. Telephone: 0800 328 5644.
- Essential Living Fund Telephone: 0300 7900124 Email: Elfforessex@southend.gov.uk
- C.A.B. Adviceline (England): 0800 144 8848
- How to get a COVID test - <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need some support, we are here to help.

Regards

Mr.Bradley

Headteacher.

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