Covid-19 January 2021 Addendum Appendix 1

Context

During the period of national lockdown, which started on Tuesday January 5th 2021, Carmel College will remain open for vulnerable students and for the students of critical workers. All other students should not attend and will learn remotely until the February half term (or otherwise directed by the Government) This Appendix outlines changes from the Addendum to our Safeguarding Policy 2021.

Vulnerable Students

Vulnerable young people include those who:

- are assessed as being in need under section 17 of the Children Act 1989, including children and young people who have a child in need plan, a child protection plan or who are a looked-after child
- have an education, health and care (EHC) plan
- have been identified as otherwise vulnerable by educational providers or local authorities (including children’s social care services), and who could therefore benefit from continued full-time attendance, this might include:
  - children and young people on the edge of receiving support from children’s social care services or in the process of being referred to children’s services
  - adopted children or children on a special guardianship order
  - those at risk of becoming NEET (‘not in employment, education or training’)
  - those living in temporary accommodation
  - those who are young carers
  - those who may have difficulty engaging with remote education at home (for example due to a lack of devices or quiet space to study)
  - care leavers
  - others at the provider and local authority’s discretion including pupils and students who need to attend to receive support or manage risks to their mental health

The Safeguarding and Pastoral Team know who the most vulnerable students are and have the flexibility to offer these students a place to study in college. The majority of students are able to remain at home and risk assessments have been completed for these students. For those attending college, they have a workspace in the library and are supervised by a member of the Pastoral Team.

The Safeguarding Team continue to work with relevant Local Authorities and partner agencies to ensure the needs of the students are met during this lockdown.

Online Safety

All lessons are delivered remotely. Live lessons are taught through Teams. All students and parents/guardians have received a letter outlining our standards and expectations when students are learning online, as well as a reminder of our safeguarding procedure.

Online ‘live’ lessons follow the usual timetable. Student 1-1s now take place via Teams. All staff have received guidance on safe delivery of online teaching and learning.

The Safeguarding Team work with tutors in identifying students who do not have access to technology. There is currently a waiting list for students who need a laptop or Wifi. These resources will be distributed as appropriate.
Mental Health and Wellbeing

The Covid-19 Pandemic has had a profound impact on the mental health and well being of young people. The Safeguarding and Pastoral Team are committed to supporting students through this difficult time. Advice and guidance is included in our Social Media and regularly addressed in our 10:10 programme. Remote coaching and 1-1 support is also given. Our College Counsellor is offering support via Teams and Telephone.