

# ST PATRICK'S RCVA PRIMARY SCHOOL

## APPENDIX 13

### COVID-19 STATEMENT

School closed to all pupils except the most vulnerable children and the children of key workers, from 23 March 2020.

Despite the challenges in relation to the current pandemic, school continues to give safeguarding the utmost priority.

We will, as always:

- act in the best interests of children,
- where there is a safeguarding concern about any child, we will take appropriate actions, in a timely manner,
- the Designated Safeguarding Coordinator or one of their deputies will always be available,
- anyone with unsupervised access to pupils, in school, will have undergone the necessary checks, including the Disclosure and Barring Service check and any necessary prohibition checks,
- all visitors will be supervised by school staff, when children are on the school premises,
- online safety will remain a priority and parents will be reminded about its importance and will be supported in this area of safeguarding (see the school's website for information on esafety).

Staff have been reminded to check on the welfare of children in school, on a daily basis. Through weekly telephone calls, staff also check on the welfare of all pupils remaining in the home, speaking with the children directly. Any concerns are brought to the immediate attention of the Head Teacher, who is the Safeguarding Coordinator.