



WSCP Newsletter

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Worcester Children First - Social Care and Safeguarding Services Covid-19 Service Delivery Protocol

Worcestershire Children Social Care has developed a Covid-19 service protocol to enable services to;

- Deliver the required interventions to safeguard those children in need of protection, promote the welfare of those children and young people in our care and to provide the necessary support to those children in need preventing escalation of risk and need for child protection or care where possible.
- Adapt and respond to the delivery of social care & safeguarding services in the context of minimising the spread of infection within our community and workforce

The Executive Summary document for Partners and Stakeholders can be found on our website within the 'Resources and Publications' section for Professionals, or by clicking this [link](#)

RoSPA Social Network Links: Home Safety Advice—

The best thing that anyone can do to help our amazing NHS fight and beat coronavirus right now is to stay at home where possible.

We need to make sure we and our loved ones are safe from serious injury, wherever they are and whatever they are doing during this time.

That's why the **Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA)** has launched the Accident Free, Avoid A&E campaign to help keep everyone free from serious accidental injury in this new world.

Below are some social networking links for parents/carers to find more helpful support and advice:

- ◆ Children at home more often now schools are closed. Find @RoSPA advice and info for keeping kids safe at www.rospace.com/AccidentFree #AccidentFreeAvoidAandE #StaySafeatHome #StayHomeStaySafe
- ◆ Lack of supervision for young children while parents are #WorkingFromHome can be an accident waiting to happen – see @RoSPA advice and info at www.rospace.com/AccidentFree #AccidentFreeAvoidAandE #StaySafeatHome #StayHomeStaySafe
- ◆ Prevent accidents. Protect your family. Help the NHS. @RoSPA has advice and information at www.rospace.com/AccidentFree #AccidentFreeAvoidAandE #StaySafeAtHome #StayHomeStaySafe
- ◆ Stay safe during lockdown – @RoSPA is asking you to prevent accidents, protect your family and help the NHS #AccidentFreeAvoidAandE



Head Teacher Education Safeguarding Steering Group—COVID-19 Update

The Head Teacher Education Safeguarding Steering Group is now meeting fortnightly in response to COVID-19. The purpose of this group has changed in light of the unprecedented times we all find ourselves in. The group will have oversight of information from all schools on how many children from critical workers and the DfE list of vulnerable children are attending schools across Worcestershire.

The group are using the DfE daily school return data and the WCF weekly school returns. We are predicting a rise in the most vulnerable children i.e. CP/CIN/EHC to be attending education provision after the Easter break.

Denise Hannibal Education Adviser Safeguarding will be working closely with Children Social Care and Designated safeguarding leads, to support those children and their families and to encourage these vulnerable children back into education, but following government guidance in order to do this.

“There is an expectation that vulnerable children who have a social worker will attend provision so long as they do not have an underlying health condition that put them at severe risk.

Social workers and schools will work together to offer and encourage the take up of provision. Where the parent does not want their child to go into school or the setting, the social worker and the education provider will explore the reasons for this directly with the parent.”

The group is represented by all education phases with the Director of Education and Early Help Sarah Wilkins as Chair.

Advice for parents during Coronavirus

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health have produced some helpful advice for parents on what to do when your child is unwell or injured during Coronavirus.

In addition they've got some great resources for parents and carers on their website:




<https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/topic/covid-19>



Advice for parents during coronavirus

Whilst coronavirus is infectious to children it is rarely serious. If your child is unwell it is likely to be a non-coronavirus illness, rather than coronavirus itself.

Whilst it is extremely important to follow Government advice to stay at home during this period, it can be confusing to know what to do when your child is unwell or injured. Remember that NHS 111, GPs and hospitals are still providing the same safe care that they have always done. Here is some advice to help:

 RED	If your child has any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Becomes pale, mottled and feels abnormally cold to the touchHas pauses in their breathing (apnoeas), has an irregular breathing pattern or starts gruntingSevere difficulty in breathing becoming agitated or unresponsiveIs going blue round the lipsHas a fit/seizureBecomes extremely distressed (crying inconsolably despite distraction), confused, very lethargic (difficult to wake) or unresponsiveDevelops a rash that does not disappear with pressure (the 'Glass test')Has testicular pain, especially in teenage boys	You need urgent help: <p>Go to the nearest A&E department or phone 999</p>
 AMBER	If your child has any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Is finding it hard to breathe including drawing in of the muscles below their lower ribs, at their neck or between their ribs (recession) or head bobbingSeems dehydrated (dry mouth, sunken eyes, no tears, drowsy or passing less urine than usual)Is becoming drowsy (excessively sleepy) or irritable (unable to settle them with toys, TV, food or picking up) - especially if they remain drowsy or irritable despite their fever coming downHas extreme shivering or complains of muscle painBabies under 3 months of age with a temperature above 38°C / 100.4°FInfants 3-6 months of age with a temperature above 39°C / 102.2°FFor all infants and children with a fever above 38°C for more than 5 days.Is getting worse or if you are worriedHas persistent vomiting and/or persistent severe abdominal painHas blood in their poo or weeAny limb injury causing reduced movement, persistent pain or head injury causing persistent crying or drowsiness	You need to contact a doctor or nurse today. <p>Please ring your GP surgery or call NHS 111 - dial 111</p> <p>The NHS is working for you. However, we recognise during the current coronavirus crisis at peak times, access to a health care professional may be delayed. If symptoms persist for 4 hours or more and you have not been able to speak to either a GP or 111, then take your child to the nearest A&E</p>
 GREEN	If none of the above features are present <ul style="list-style-type: none">You can continue to provide your child care at home. Information is also available on NHS ChoicesAdditional advice is available to families for coping with crying of well babiesAdditional advice is available for children with complex health needs and disabilities.	Self care <p>Continue providing your child's care at home. If you are still concerned about your child, call NHS 111 - dial 111</p>

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If you have reason to believe that a child, young person or adult is at immediate risk from harm contact the Police.

Telephone: 999

If you have any concerns about a child or young person living in Worcestershire and feel that they may be in need of protection or safeguarding contact the **Family Front Door**.

Staff are available Monday to Thursday from 9.00am to 5.00pm and Fridays from 9.00am to 4.30pm.

Telephone: 01905 822666

For assistance out of office hours (weekdays and all day at weekends and bank holidays):

Telephone: 01905 768020