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**Community
and Education
Trust**
Registered Charity No: 1120773

Safeguarding Policy COVID-19 Amendment
Preston North End Community and Education Trust

PNECET statement:

The way in which PNECET is currently operating in response to coronavirus (COVID-19) is fundamentally different to business as usual, however, a number of our important safeguarding principles remain the same:

- with regard to safeguarding, the best interests of children, young people and vulnerable adults will always continue to come first
- if anyone has a safeguarding concern about any child, young person and vulnerable adults connected to PNECET they should continue to act and act immediately
- a Designated Safeguarding Officer or Deputy will always be available
- unsuitable people are not allowed to enter PNECET workforce and/or gain access to children, young people and/or vulnerable adults
- Children, young people and vulnerable adults continue to be protected when they are online

PNECET Safeguarding Contacts:

During the Covid-19 lockdown period the Safeguarding contacts for the PNECET remain the same;

Designated Safeguarding Officer: Rebecca Robertson
Contact details: Rebecca@pne.com
Mobile: 07769131446

Remember that in an emergency or where there is risk to life you should contact the police immediately.

Other Safeguarding contacts

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

Childline: 0800 1111

Preston Police: 0845 125 3545

Lancashire LADO (Local Authority Designated Officer) Tim Booth 01772 536694

OFSTED 0300 123 1231

Procedures and Safety Measures for online learning:

PNECET expects all staff and students to adhere to the relevant policy boundaries must be maintained at all times. We have put extra measures in place to reduce the risks in relation to online learning which include:

- All contact online being observable and interruptible
- Staff and children must wear suitable clothing as should anyone else in the household
- Any computers being used should be in appropriate areas, for example not in bedrooms and the background should not be blurred
- Online teaching will not be carried out on a one to one basis and will be done in a group setting with several players present,
- Another adult will be invited to be present in the room
- All communication provided will have an educational purpose
- Language must be professional and appropriate, including any family members in the background
- PNECET will record online teaching/instruction sessions. Students will be informed that sessions are being recorded in advance of doing so.
- All sessions provided will be via the PNECET I.T platform (for example remote desktop) or Wi-Fi (where possible)

Mental health:

Negative experiences and distressing life events, such as the current circumstances, can affect the mental health of us all. Players who are struggling under the current circumstances should contact the Club safeguarding staff as outlined above. Support can also be accessed through a number of national organisations including:

The Samaritans	Tel: 116 123	https://www.samaritans.org
ChildLine:	Tel: 0800 1111	https://www.childline.org.uk
NSPCC:	Tel: 0808 800 5000	https://www.nspcc.org.uk
Mind:	Tel: 0300 123 3393	https://www.mind.org.uk

Online safety:

It is important that internet safety and security messages are re-enforced during this time when we are expecting young people to be online more often. They may also be increasing their usage on devices during their own free time during this lockdown period. It is important that both players and parents are aware of the help and support available should they be concerned about something they have seen or experienced online. These include:

- UK Safer Internet Centre <https://reportharmfulcontent.com/>
- CEOP <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>
- Internet Matters <https://www.internetmatters.org/>
- NetAware <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>
- ParentInfo <https://parentinfo.org/>
- ThinkuKnow <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Date and Review

The policy may be amended from time to time to reflect and take account of changes in legislation.

This policy will be reviewed, approved and adopted by or on behalf of the board at least once every three years.

Signed:
Tom Drake
Head of Community

Date: