

Safeguarding students and their families in the event of school closure due to the Coronavirus

In the event of a school closure due to the Coronavirus outbreak we wish to assure our students and their families that students' wellbeing will continue to be of utmost importance.

If you have a concern about a students' safety or wellbeing during a school closure you should:

- Telephone the academy on **0116 2661809** between **10.30am - 3pm**. Your call will be forwarded to one of our DSLs who will triage your call and take the most appropriate action
- If you feel that a child is in immediate danger you should **call 999**

Our Designated Safeguarding Leads will take steps to continue to support our most vulnerable families. This will include:

- Making telephone contact twice a week for identified students
- Maintaining contact with social services and other agencies to ensure information is shared and action taken
- Supporting with the provision of free school meals to those most in need

Students and their families are reminded of the following areas of support, should they need this:

- Duty and Advice Service (Children's Social Services): 0116 454 1004
- Childline: 0800 1111. www.childline.org.uk
- NSPCC: www.nspcc.co.uk
- The Samaritans: 0116 123
- Mind (mental health support): www.mind.org.uk/information-support/
- Kooth - Advice and support for young people: www.kooth.com/
- Health for Teens: www.healthforteens.co.uk
- UAVA (United against violence and abuse, domestic violence support): 08088020028

If schools close it is possible that students may spend more time online. We would like students and parents to remind themselves of online safety advice and available support:

- NSPCC: www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety
- www.safetynetkids.org.uk
- Thinkuknow: www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents
- Thinkuknow: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/14_plus
- Thinkuknow: www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_13

For non-urgent enquires related to students' wellbeing you can email our Designated Safeguarding Leads on: **safeguarding@abbey-tmet.uk**