

### **Safeguarding students during a school closure**

Due to the school closure we wish to assure our students and their families that students' wellbeing will continue to be of upmost importance.

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

- Telephone the academy on **0116 2663730 between 12pm – 3pm and select option 1**. Your call will be forwarded to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads 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 with 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](http://www.childline.org.uk)
- NSPCC: [www.nspcc.co.uk](http://www.nspcc.co.uk)
- The Samaritans: 116 123
- Mind (mental health support): [www.mind.org.uk/information-support/](http://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/)
- Kooth - Advice and support for young people: [www.kooth.com/](http://www.kooth.com/)
- Health for Teens: [www.healthforteens.co.uk](http://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](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety)
- [www.safetynetkids.org.uk](http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk)
- Thinkuknow: [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents)
- Thinkuknow: [https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/14\\_plus](https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/14_plus)

For non-urgent enquires related to students' wellbeing you can email our Designated Safeguarding Leads on: **[safeguarding@rushey-tmet.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rushey-tmet.uk)**