

Annex to Safeguarding & Child Protection policy – version 2.0 (Sept 2020)

Child Protection during the reopening of schools September 2020.

Context

Schools and Colleges have been directed to reopen from the beginning of the Autumn term September 2020. To re-open safely, St Thomas More High School has followed all most recent guidance from the Government. Whilst guidance has changed on a regular basis, often based on scientific advice, our school continues to ensure that the safeguarding of our students is in line with the most recent DfE documents.

The school has followed the **Guidance for Full Opening: Schools- 28th August 2020**. Within this document, advice is given for the safe re-opening of schools and links made to specific areas of guidance. See full guidance:-
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

The publishing of the new '**Keeping Children Safe in Education, September 2020**' has been used to update our schools Child Protection and Safeguarding related policies. Full staff training has also been updated and taken place based on this new guidance.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/912592/Keeping_children_safe_in_education_Sep_2020.pdf

The school continues to review and implement the schools full risk assessment in line with any National or local changes in circumstances related to the pandemic.