Safeguarding Advice for home learning during the Corona Virus

Schools are closing but schools' safeguarding responsibilities will continue during home schooling and your school policy may not cover the use of home networks. With most schools embracing E-Learning to continue supporting their children's education, it's time to think about this issue. Here are some ideas to help:

FOR TEACHERS:

Using webcams in home-based lessons raises a number of issues not normally arising in school. We recommend establish guidelines for students and their families including:

- A code of conduct for attendance at lessons and any sanctions for breach.
- Appropriate dress for students and others in the space where the lesson is delivered.
- Appropriate language and behaviour for students and others in the space where the lesson is delivered.
- Preventing students (and others) from taking screenshots and sharing images from lessons.
- Protecting the copyright of any material used in lessons.

Teachers also need to think carefully about their use of webcams:

- If delivering lessons from home, be aware of material that may be visible in the background. Avoid revealing personal teacher data or other sensitive data.
- Ensure that all teachers delivering virtual lessons log out at the end of the session and are not left online alone with only one student.
- As in the normal school environment, be aware of any warning signs that a child may be at risk, particularly in this new stressful environment.

Think about data security guidelines for staff working at home:

- Ensure computers are stored securely, out of view and shut down every night
- Keep anti-virus software up to date
- Install latest software updates promptly
- Close laptops   lids when temporarily not in use.
- If others are in the room, protect any sensitive data that you might have on your screen
- Ensure your passwords are strong and only known by you.
- Beware of scams – fraudsters have been quick to take advantage of the latest crisis

Be Safe Everyone