

Barley Lane School

Friendship, Optimism, Hardwork

26th January 2021

"Leaders will use their professional discretion, working with any partner agencies and LA officers should other exceptional circumstances exist whereby a child compromises the health, wellbeing or safety of staff or other children."

Given the serious concerns and risks emerging a stand-alone statement of our position when, as is happening and albeit a rare occurrence, a young person is habitually breaching lockdown and freely associating with others and engaging in risky and unsafe behaviour and therefore putting our community, children and staff and their families at risk.

Alongside protecting people's health and wellbeing there is a moral and ethical dimension around the rights of children and staff in this community not to be put at risk because a family and those professionals supporting the family are effectively inert and where there is no sense or evidence of how or if things will change and be made safer?

We will judge circumstances "exceptional" and move to remote learning or as is more common given these young people are then at risk in the community provide mentoring and so face to face support (please note those mentoring have and have had access to vaccination we have not and do not):

- Where on balance of probabilities young people are habitually breaching lockdown and freely associating with others and engaging in risky and unsafe behaviour and therefore putting our community, children and staff and their families unnecessarily and recklessly at risk.
- Professional help is being actively sought and or is in place to help the family and young person but there is no evidence of any capacity or drive and urgency to improve matters either within the family and or in those supporting the family and this made more pressing if matters are compounded by a history of a lack of cooperation in the family and or delay and prevarication in those supporting them adding to risks.
- There is no reliable intelligence about their uncontrolled movements and activities in the community and a history of high risk behaviour across a wide network and locations
- There is no credible effort or plan to ameliorate risks and the family and those supporting the family are effectively inert and so there is no meaningful sense of how or if things will change and be made safer?"

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