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Safeguarding children amid the impact of COVID-19

Preparing for the return of all pupils to
school



The Local Context



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10th most deprived borough

4th highest death rate

Disproportionate impact on
BAME

Exacerbated inequalities



The best of London
in one borough



The Safeguarding Landscape



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Children's Experiences



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“I miss a sense of structure in my life. I miss socialising with my friends and laughing with them. Fortunately for me I am able to see them on FaceTime but not all children are lucky enough to be able to FaceTime their friends.”

“I’m staying in touch with my friends with texts, WhatsApp and FT (FaceTime). I am spending more time than normal on my phone and on screen-time.”



Mental Health



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Kooth Study June 2020



- 200% sleep difficulties
- 159% school worries
- 27% suicidal thoughts
- 30% self harm
- 27% family issues
- 11% anxiety and stress
- 9% depression



Young Carers



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“Caring for a parent with mental illness can be draining at the best of time let alone not getting the opportunity for some time out for example. For me school was an escapism so simply it allows me to act my age, Covid19 has taken that away from me. Being a young carer has always been stressful but add in a global pandemic and you have a recipe for stress highway. The simple acts of respite I took for granted.”



Intra-familial abuse



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- Physical
- Sexual
- Emotional
- Neglect
- Domestic Abuse



Extra-familial abuse



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- Online Safety
- Exploitation



Peer on Peer abuse



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“There is so much news on social media about the coronavirus; the bullies are saying I am to blame for everything that has happened. They assume that I am Chinese but I am not. I want to change my race. I constantly judge myself and I feel angry and hate the way I look.”



Parental Experience



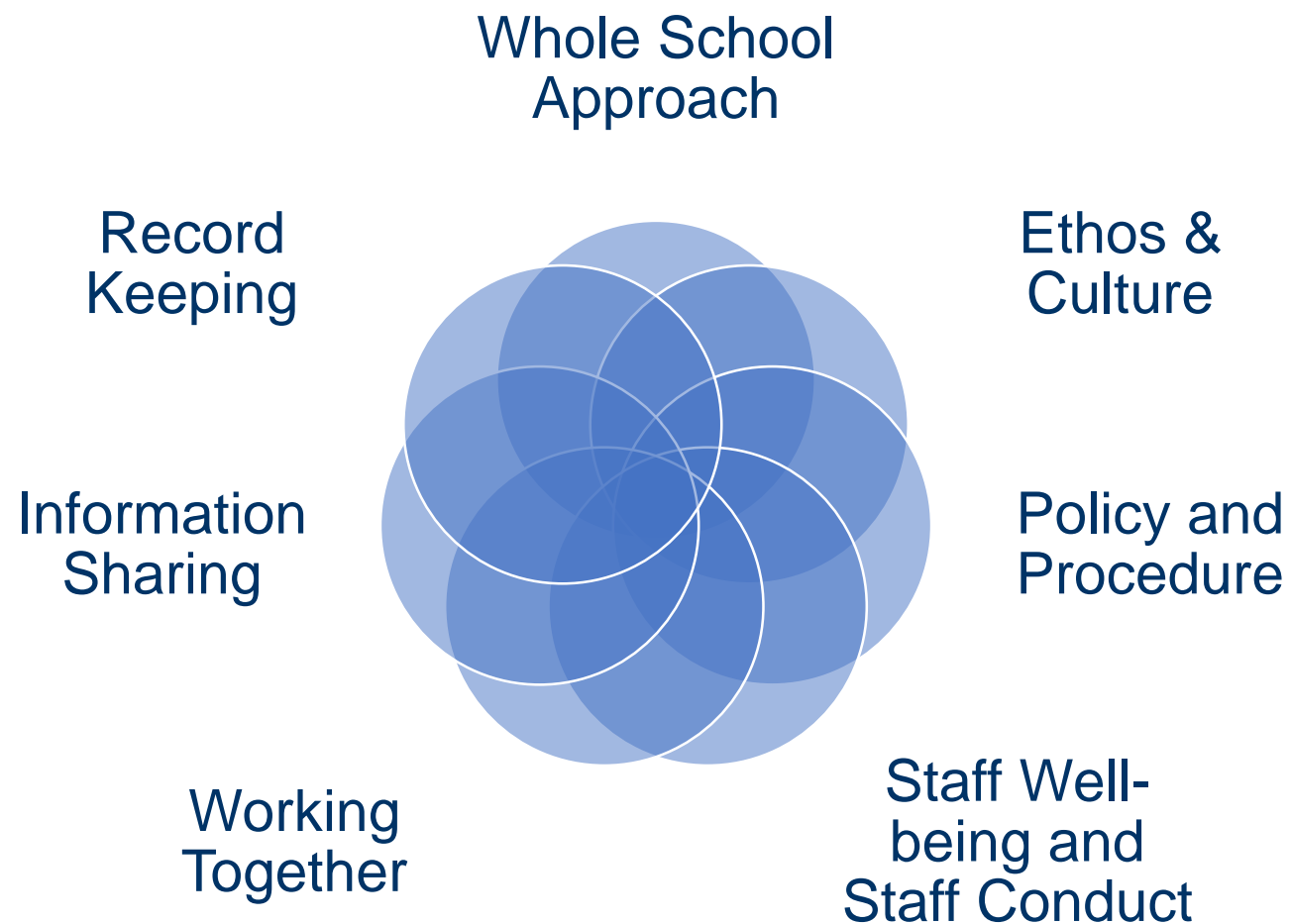
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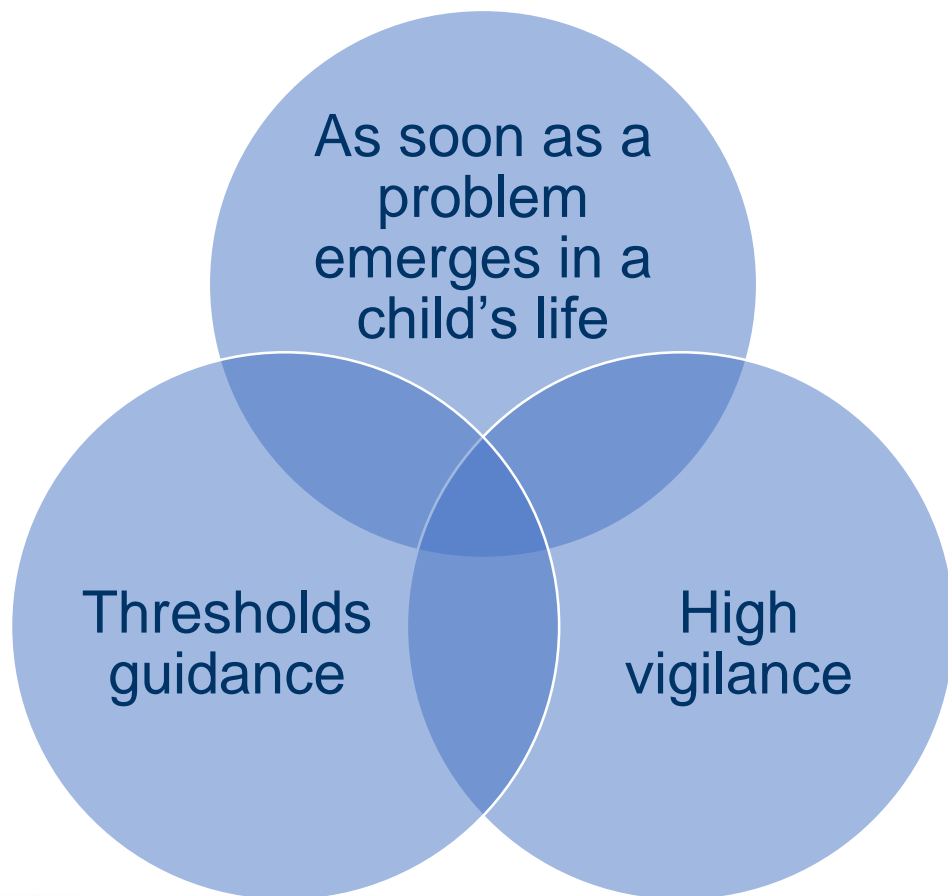
- Resilience
- Empowerment
- Anxiety
- Coping strategies
- School attendance/EHE
- Transparency & communication
- Engagement



Safeguarding Practice



Early Help



Right Help,
Right Time

Tel: 0207364 5006 (option 2)

