

Contingency Plan

Ratified by Chair of Govs:

Signed by Mulling

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Purpose:

To outline how MIAG (Meeting Individual Aspirations & Goals) will maintain safe, continuous provision for learners in the event of emergencies, unexpected closures, or disruptions, ensuring that safeguarding, learning, and wellbeing remain priorities.

Scope:

This plan applies to:

- Staff
- Directors
- Learners
- Parents/Carers
- Visitors and Contractors

It covers events including:

- Severe weather
- Staff shortages
- ♣ Public health outbreaks (e.g., COVID-19)
- Premises issues (e.g., flooding, fire)
- ↓ IT or communications failure
- Security threats

Leadership & Responsibility:

| Role | Responsibility |
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| Chief Operating Officer | Overall coordination, communication |
| | and decision making |
| ALP Centre Managers | Assist and support COO and SLT in the |
| | above |
| SENCO/DSL | Ensure safeguarding measures continue |
| | and to adapt provision for learners as |
| | required |
| Key Workers | Maintain contact and support for |
| | individual learners and their families |

Communication Strategy:

- ♣ Parents/Carers informed via phone, text, email, and website updates
- Staff updated via internal messaging and briefings
- Local Authority and referring agencies contacted when relevant

All contact information is checked termly and updated if there are changes.

Emergency Scenarios & Response:

A. Premises Closure (e.g., fire, flooding, unsafe building)

- Immediate closure and evacuation procedures followed
- Alternative temporary premises arranged if possible
- Remote learning (work packs, online platforms) activated
- Daily virtual check-ins for safeguarding

B. Public Health Outbreak (e.g., pandemic)

- Adhere to government guidance (e.g., DfE, Public Health England)
- Implement hygiene, social distancing, and PPE protocols
- Switch to remote learning with support for tech access
- Daily contact for vulnerable learners

C. Severe Weather or Transport Disruption

- Risk-assess daily and communicate by 7:30am
- Remote provision used if transport is unavailable
- Reschedule missed sessions where possible

D. Staffing Shortages

- Use internal cover arrangements or agency staff
- Prioritise vulnerable learners and key provision
- ♣ Temporary reduction in timetable only if necessary

E. IT/System Failure

- Revert to paper-based resources
- Use phones for welfare check-ins

F. Security Threat (e.g., intruder, bomb threat)

- Follow lockdown/evacuation procedures
- Maintain communication with emergency services
- Debrief and provide emotional support to staff and learners

Safeguarding Continuity:

- DSL (or Deputy DSL) always available (on-site or remotely)
- Continued recording of concerns on secure system (or paper-based alternative)
- Daily safeguarding contact with high-risk learners
- Partnership with external agencies remains active

Educational Continuity

- Individual Learning Plans adapted for remote or blended delivery
- Paper-based and digital resources prepared in advance
- Staff training on online teaching and safeguarding online

Learner and Staff Wellbeing

- Ongoing 1:1 contact and emotional check-ins
- Counselling or external referral where needed
- Wellbeing packs/resources shared regularly

Review and Training

- This plan is reviewed annually or following a major incident
- All staff receive training on emergency procedures
- Practice drills conducted termly