

Safeguarding Checklist – Regional Conflict/Crisis Response

Consideration	Comments	Completed
Safeguarding policy updated to reflect current conflict or regional instability. An annex outlining temporary safeguarding arrangements is in place.		
Emergency safeguarding procedures clarified so staff understand reporting routes if normal processes are disrupted.		
Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or deputy is always available and contactable during the crisis period.		
Alternative safeguarding communication routes established if DSLs cannot be reached physically (phone, secure messaging, video contact).		
Identification and monitoring of vulnerable children who may be particularly affected by the conflict or family circumstances.		
Attendance monitoring systems strengthened to identify unexplained absence or welfare concerns quickly.		
Wellbeing monitoring in place to identify children experiencing anxiety, distress, or trauma linked to the conflict.		
Staff safeguarding briefing delivered to ensure staff recognise signs of distress, trauma, or safeguarding concerns linked to conflict.		
Safer recruitment processes maintained even during disruption, including appropriate safeguarding checks for staff and volunteers.		

Information sharing arrangements in place if children relocate, change schools, or temporarily leave the country.		
Mental health and wellbeing support available for children affected by conflict, including access to pastoral care or counselling.		
Clear communication with parents regarding safeguarding procedures and advice on supporting children during periods of conflict.		
Critical incident procedures reviewed including lockdown, evacuation, and shelter-in-place procedures.		
Evacuation planning reviewed in case of escalation of regional security risks.		
Transport arrangements reviewed to ensure safe travel to and from school during periods of disruption.		
Staff wellbeing support mechanisms in place recognising that staff may also be affected by the conflict.		
Site security measures reviewed including visitor access, perimeter security, and monitoring of school grounds.		
Emergency communication plans tested and confirmed for staff, children, parents, and authorities.		
Government guidance monitored to ensure school operations remain compliant with official advice.		
Risk assessments regularly reviewed and updated to reflect changes in the regional security environment.		

