

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025 SUMMARY

"Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025" (KCSIE 2025) is the updated statutory guidance for schools and colleges in England, outlining how they should safeguard and promote the welfare of children. The final version will be published in September 2025, replacing previous editions. This guidance is crucial for all staff to understand and implement to ensure a safe environment for children.

Key Changes and Focus Areas in KCSIE 2025:

Technical Amendments: The DfE has indicated that the 2025 changes will primarily consist of technical and minor updates.

Alternative Provision: KCSIE 2025 emphasizes the importance of rigorous checks and monitoring of alternative provision settings to ensure student safety and well-being.

Safer Recruitment: The guidance highlights the need for written confirmation that all safer recruitment steps have been taken for new staff, especially in alternative provision settings.

Child-on-Child Abuse: There will be an increased focus on addressing child-on-child sexual violence and sexual harassment.

Online Safety: The guidance continues to emphasize online safety, including risks related to content, contact, conduct, and commerce (the 4 Cs).

Emerging Learnings: KCSIE 2025 will incorporate learnings from the National Audit on Group-based Child Sexual Exploitation and Abuse, as well as inquiries and future work on violence against women and girls.

Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSHE): The guidance will include links to revised guidance on RSHE and gender questioning children.

Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill: Future versions will reflect progress on the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill.

Key Areas of the Guidance:

Part 1: Safeguarding information for all staff.

Part 2: The management of safeguarding, including the role of the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

Part 3: Safer recruitment practices.

Part 4: Safeguarding concerns or allegations about staff.

Part 5: Child-on-child sexual violence and sexual harassment.

Annexes: Provide further information and guidance, including the role of the DSL. Important Considerations for Schools:

Regular Review: Schools should regularly review their safeguarding policies and procedures to ensure they align with the latest KCSIE guidance. **Staff Training:** All staff members need to be familiar with the updated guidance, particularly Part 1, which outlines safeguarding information for all staff. **Collaboration:** Schools should work closely with parents, carers, local authorities, and other agencies to ensure a coordinated approach to safeguarding. **Monitoring:** Schools should actively monitor the effectiveness of their safeguarding measures and make necessary adjustments.

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