

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2019

This handy guide describes the key changes and updates issued in the 'Keeping Children Safe in Education' 2019 DfE guidance¹.

Feel free to use this in your staff rooms and in training as a handout.



Working Together

Local Safeguarding Children Boards have been replaced by three new safeguarding partners; local authorities, chief officers of police, and clinical commissioning groups must make arrangements to work together with relevant agencies (as they consider appropriate) to safeguard and protect the welfare of children in the area.



Upskirting: Now A Criminal Offence

The new law will capture instances where the purpose of the behaviour is to obtain sexual gratification, or to cause humiliation, distress or alarm. Upskirting is a highly intrusive practice, which typically involves someone taking a picture under another person's clothing without their knowledge.



Single Central Record

Clarity about the minimum information that must be recorded on the Single Central Record. Multi-Academy Trusts do not need to have a separate record for each school.



DBS Checks

Incorrect or missing information will result in the application being withdrawn and a new application will be required. Guidance around the types of checks available to those working with children.



Information Sharing

Updated to make clear that The Data Protection Act and GDPR does NOT prevent schools from withholding education data where doing so would be in the interests of a child in a refuge. Emphasises the importance of appropriate information sharing within the current legislation, providing guidance to ensure compliance.



SEN Safeguarding Policy

Advice and emphasis on care leavers, previously looked after children and children with SEN and disabilities. What factors need to be considered for inclusion in school safeguarding policies?



Honour Based Violence

'Honour based' violence (HBV) encompasses incidents or crimes which have been committed to protect or defend the honour of the family and/or community. For clarity, Female Genital Mutilation and Forced Marriage have been added into the section header.



Sexual Violence & Harassment Policy

Advice regarding sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools and colleges, making it statutory to include in policies, procedures and training.



Contextual Safeguarding

Contextual safeguarding highlights the importance of understanding the child's wider social setting and how that can help schools manage risk.



Staff Training

Guidance on staff training and the need to include the school's 'behaviour policy' and the staff 'Code of Conduct' at induction.



Peer on Peer Abuse

The guidance provides a clear definition of peer on peer abuse and specific factors that members of staff need to consider when dealing with these types of incidents.



Internet Safety

Advice on filtering and monitoring internet access (including mobile devices). This guidance outlines how schools can ensure their pupils understand how to stay safe and behave online as part of existing curriculum requirements.



Risk Assessment

Guidance about the completion of risk assessments for volunteers, sexual violence and harassment.

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1. Department for Education, Keeping children safe in education, statutory guidance, Sept 2019