

Keeping Children Safe in Education – DfE – September 2019

On 2nd September 2019 the DfE published the revised Keeping Children Safe in Education statutory guidance for schools and colleges on safeguarding children and safer recruitment.

The only real change from 2018, is the inclusion of the voyeurism activity 'up skirting'.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2>

Inspecting safeguarding in early years, education and skills settings

This is the guidance for Ofsted inspectors to use when inspecting safeguarding under the education inspection framework.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspecting-safeguarding-in-early-years-education-and-skills>

Teaching on-line safety in schools – DfE – June 2019

This is guidance supporting schools to teach pupils how to stay safe online when studying new and existing subjects.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/teaching-online-safety-in-schools>

Safeguarding Children – DfE

All documents relating to safeguarding children from the DfE, Home Office, DH&SC, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and Ofsted can all be found on DfE website.

<https://www.gov.uk/topic/schools-colleges-childrens-services/safeguarding-children>

Safeguarding children and young people in education from knife crime - Ofsted March 2019

In March 2019, incidents of knife crime had reached a decade high, and many of the victims were under-18s. In response Ofsted instigated a report into how schools across London were dealing with the issue.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/785055/Knife_crime_safeguarding_children_and_young_people_110319.pdf

NEW Governance Handbook – DfE – March 2019

The DfE has published an updated version of the Governance Handbook for academies, multi-academy trusts and maintained schools.

In terms of safeguarding the new guidance reinforces:

- the importance of governors understanding and implementing policies on peer-on-peer abuse
- that the DSLs should have job descriptions for the role
- the link to 'Counselling in schools: a blueprint for the future' (link below) which gives advice to school leaders on setting up or improving counselling services in primary and secondary schools, and explains how counselling fits into a whole school approach to mental health and wellbeing

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/governance-handbook#history>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/counselling-in-schools>

Safeguarding in English schools – House of Commons Library – October 2018

This is a briefing paper written by David Foster for Members of the House of Commons and Civil Servants to ensure they have information about current legislation and information about safeguarding in schools in England.

A link to the report can be found at the bottom of the following page:

<https://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/CBP-8023#fullreport>

Keeping children safe in education – DfE – Updated September 2018

KCSE forms the basis of the statutory guidance to schools and colleges. This updated document is clear that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Updates

- Paragraph 132 - new link to The Childcare (Disqualification) and Childcare (Early Years Provision Free of Charge) (Extended Entitlement) (Amendment) Regulations 2018. Paragraphs 158 and 159
- Clarification of the point at which a school must make a referral to DBS
- Updated document 'Keeping children safe in education: for school and college staff (part 1)'. Flowchart titled 'Actions where there are is concern about a child' updated to make it more accessible.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2#history>

Working Together to Safeguard Children – DfE – July 2018

Working Together to Safeguard Children describes how statutory agencies, such as local authorities, clinical commissioning groups and the police should work together. It is about an effective and co-ordinated response to safeguarding and child protection.

An update was added in February 2019 to reflect how local authorities should notify the Child Safeguarding Panel.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-safeguard-children--2>

Sexting in schools and colleges: Responding to incidents and safeguarding young people – UKCCIS - 2017

This advice is for designated safeguarding leads (DSLs), their deputies, headteachers and senior leadership teams in schools and educational establishments in England.

The advice aims to support schools and colleges in tackling the range of issues which 'sexting' incidents present, including responding to disclosures, handling devices and imagery, risk assessing situations and involving other agencies.

The advice also contains information about preventative education, working with parents and reporting imagery to providers.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/sexting-in-schools-and-colleges>

Safeguarding in Schools

Andrew Hall, a Specialist Safeguarding Consultant has an excellent website where you can sign up for weekly safeguarding newsletters and read up-to-date safeguarding articles

<https://www.safeguardingschools.co.uk/>