

KCSIE Changes 2024

Updates to the statutory Keeping Children Safe in Education guidance take effect on 1 September. While this year's KCSIE guidance is one of the quietest iterations in recent times, larger revisions are anticipated for 2025 following June's consultation.

Here's a comprehensive guide to this year's changes to help you prepare for the Autumn term

Part 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated to reference the 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023' documentation • Paragraph 19 (Abuse and neglect) now includes 'exploitation', with indicators of abuse now covering the effects of domestic violence.
Part 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now incorporates the 'Data Protection Act 2018' and UK GDPR. We advise updating your policies as needed. • Paragraph 171 clarifies school responsibilities for pupils in alternative provisions. • Paragraph 204 provides more resources for supporting children with special educational needs, disabilities and health issues. • Paragraphs 205 to 209 both include a disclaimer stating that the section is under review pending the 'Gender questioning children' guidance.
Part 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes to this section.
Part 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No changes to this section.
Annex B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two age-appropriate guides for children providing evidence in criminal courts have been added. • A further disclaimer has been added to the 'preventing radicalisation' paragraph, which states the section remains under review following publication of the revised definition of 'extremism' in March 2024.
Annex C	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annex C now expands the role of the designated safeguarding lead, with emphasis on the need for detailed, secure record-keeping. All concerns, discussions and decisions (along with their rationale) should be included in records, along with any instances where referrals were or were not made to another agency (such as the LA's children's social care or the prevent programme).

The full statutory guidance document for 2024 can be found on the [government website](#).

For further support in navigating KCSIE changes for the upcoming academic year, visit our website or get in touch with a member of our Safer Recruitment team.