



## Summary of Changes to KCSIE 2024 (Part One only)

The new version of KCSIE came into force on **1 September 2024**.

There was no consultation period this year as the changes are mainly technical. For example, many of the changes are to bring KCSIE in line with the Working together to safeguard children 2023 guidance.

### Part 1: safeguarding information for all staff

All staff working directly with children are expected to read at least part 1 of KCSIE (those who don't work directly with children can read the condensed version of part 1, in annex A). The changes to part 1 are:

#### An updated definition of safeguarding

- This is now in line with the Working together to safeguard children 2023 guidance. Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children is now defined as:
  - Providing help and support to meet the needs of children as soon as problems emerge (this bullet point is new)
  - Protecting children from maltreatment, **whether that is within or outside the home, including online** (this last part has been added)
  - Preventing the impairment of children's mental and physical health or development
  - Making sure that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the provision of safe and effective care
  - Taking action to enable all children to have the best outcomes

This is in paragraph 3.

#### An updated list of early help indicators

- You should now also be alert to any child who:

- Has experienced multiple suspensions, is at risk of being permanently excluded from schools, colleges and in alternative provision or a pupil referral unit
- Has a parent or carer in custody (previously it was 'family member in prison'), or is affected by parental offending
- Is frequently missing/goes missing from education, home or care (the word 'education' has been added)

This is in paragraph 18.

Find more detailed information on early help in the [Working together to safeguard children](#) guidance, which includes a more comprehensive list of indicators that a child may need early help.

### **New wording and changes in terminology**

- When referring to 'abuse and neglect', the guidance now also includes 'exploitation' throughout (for example, see the heading at the top of page 11)
- The definition of abuse now also has 'including where they see, hear or experience its effects' in relation to domestic abuse (paragraph 24)
- 'Unexplainable and/or persistent absences from education' has replaced the phrase 'deliberately missing education' when referring to safeguarding issues (paragraph 29)
- 'It is important that **when** staff have any concerns about child-on-child abuse they should speak to their DSL' – this has replaced '... **if** they have concerns ...' (paragraph 31)
- The definition of child criminal exploitation (CCE) and child sexual exploitation (CSE) now says CCE and CSE '**may involve** an exchange for something the victim wants, and/or for the financial advantage or increased status of the perpetrator or facilitator'. Previously the definition didn't include the word 'may' (paragraph 34)