

Keeping Children Safe in Education (DfE, 2018)

This is statutory guidance from the Department for Education issued under Section 175 of the Education Act 2002, the Education (Independent School Standards) Regulations 2014, and the Non-Maintained Special Schools (England) Regulations 2015. Schools and colleges in England must have regard to it when carrying out their duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

This guidance is for schools and colleges and replaces Keeping children safe in education September 2016.

This document is broken down into five parts (and also contains annexes):

- Part one: Safeguarding information for all staff
- Part two: The management of safeguarding
- Part three: Safer recruitment
- Part four: Allegations of abuse made against teachers and other staff
- Part five: Child on child sexual violence and sexual harassment

Key Changes (NSPCC, 2018)

The updated guidance includes a new section (Part five) on **Child on child sexual violence and sexual harassment**.

This section covers in detail:

- how schools should respond to incidents of sexual violence and sexual harassment, emphasising the need for effective training and policies in schools and colleges
- the need for risk assessments in school following reports of incidents of sexual violence or sexual harassment
- the action needed to take to support victims and alleged perpetrators of sexual violence or harassment.

The guidance adds further information on the management of safeguarding in a school including emphasising that:

- staff need to act immediately if they have a concern about a child
- schools need to have a named designated safeguarding lead deputy as well as the designated safeguarding lead.

The guidance includes new or more detailed information on safeguarding issues including:

- child criminal exploitation: children being used to carry drugs or money from urban to rural areas
- homelessness
- domestic abuse
- child sexual exploitation
- Children missing from education.

(Key updates to statutory guidance for schools in England - Summary of the changes to England's safeguarding guidance for schools (Summary of key changes), NSPCC, May 2018)

Further summary and information on the new guidance can be found at:

<https://www.safeguardingschools.co.uk/keeping-children-safe-in-education-2018/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-we-do/news-opinion/summary-key-changes-keeping-children-safe-in-education-2018/>