SAFEGUARD SIMPLY

What you need to know...

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PROFESSIONALS WORKING WITH CHILDREN

Who is a child?

A child is someone under the age of 18.

What is safeguarding?

- **Providing help** and **support** to meet the needs of children as soon as problems emerge.
- **Protecting** children from maltreatment, whether that is within or outside the home, including online.
- **Preventing** impairment of children's mental and physical health or development.
- **Ensuring** that children grow up in circumstances consistent with the of safe and effective care.
- **Promoting** the upbringing of children with their birth parents, or otherwise their family network through a kinship care arrangement, whenever possible and where this is in the best interests of the children.
- **Taking action** to enable all children to have the best outcomes in line with the outcomes set out in the Children's Social Care National Framework.

Safeguarding Reminders

Prevent - Report any incidences involving extremism or radicalisation immediately to your DSL.
Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) - Report immediately to your DSL if you believe a child is at risk Report to your DSL and to the Police (if you are in a teaching role) if you believe a child has had FGM.
Online Safety - Remain vigilant of any concerns. relating to online safety and report to your DSL. Be aware of the content, contact, communication and commerce that children may be exposed to.
Child-on-child abuse - This can be physical, verbal or sexual and can be online or offline.

What is abuse?

Abuse is a form of maltreatment where a child is harmed or not protected from harm - physical, emotional, neglect and sexual.

How do I safeguard children?

- **RECOGNISE**: Be Professionally Curious – actively looking as well as listening to signs of harm
- **RESPOND**: Never promise to keep it secret
- **REPORT**: Always share information to the Designated Safeguarding Team as soon as you have a concern
- **RECORD**: Create a written record of your concern and include any actions taken
- **REFLECT**: We all have a role to play to safeguard children

Key guidance I need to know:

- Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023
- Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025 – changes for September 2025
- Online Safety – details misinformation, disinformation and conspiracy theory
- Schools remain responsible for safeguarding and reviewing practice for anyone attending an Alternative Provision
- Schools must have the appropriate level of cybersecurity protection to safeguard their systems, staff and learners
- Schools should use planning technology to assess themselves against the filtering and monitoring standards including the use of generative AI
- KCSiE 2025 includes a number of updated links on filtering & monitoring, cybersecurity, attendance, safer recruitment, record keeping and child sexual abuse

Remember! It could happen here!

What about concerns about staff / volunteer behaviours?
If you are concerned about the behaviour of anyone working in a position of trust with children you should inform the Safeguarding Lead in your organisation. Any concerns about the safeguarding lead or practice in your setting should be directed to your named governor / trustee or contact the NSPCC National Whistleblowing advice line – 0800 028 0285

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