

## Keeping Children Safe in Education 2019 Briefing Summary

The Department for Education has released the above publication. It has a different feel and look and sets out what schools must do to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. This comes into force **2nd September 2019**.

### Part one

Confirms ‘*upskirting*’ is now a criminal offence and that all staff should be made aware of it

Adds specific guidance to support schools in recognising ‘*serious crime*’ and where pupils may be at risk from serious crime

Reminds schools to include guidance around [contextual safeguarding](#) and [Information sharing advice for safeguarding practitioners](#)

Updated Indicators of abuse and neglect definitions

Reiterates [What to do if you're worried a child is being abused: advice for practitioners](#) provides examples of potential indicators of abuse and neglect and will be particularly helpful for school staff. All staff should be clear as to the school’s policy and procedures for ‘*children missing education*’ and with regards to ‘*peer on peer abuse*’

Whistleblowing - updated NSPCC’s new helpline details: link to information on the [NSPCC’s website](#). Staff can also call 0800 028 0285 from 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday or email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

Updated to make it clear that the DPA/GDPR does not prevent schools from withholding education data where doing so would be in the interests of a child in a refuge.

### ACTION

- Update all relevant school policies/handbook
- Include in whole school training update
- Consider disseminating to relevant key stakeholders:
  - [Home Office: Criminal Exploitation of children and vulnerable adults: County Lines guidance](#)
  - [Advice to schools and colleges on gangs and youth violence](#)

### Part two

Confirms the new *Safeguarding Partners and Child Death Review Partners* will come into place from September 2019

Schools should teach safeguarding as a broad and balanced curriculum – *Relationships Education and Sex Education*. RE (primary) and RSE (secondary) and HE (state funded schools) will be mandatory from 2020

Governing bodies should ensure all staff undergo safeguarding and child protection training (Inc. online safety) at induction and what they should ensure their safeguarding and child protection policy includes; CME, peer on peer abuse, SEND, use of reasonable force etc.

Reiterates which safer recruitment checks are required to be carried out and recorded e.g. verify the candidate's mental and physical fitness and clarity regarding Section 128 checks for school governors

From September 2019 Ofsted will carry out inspections under Education Framework 2019 – Inspectors will always report on the effectiveness of school safeguarding arrangements

### **ACTION**

- Update all relevant school policies/handbook
- Include in whole school training update
- Have regard to 2019
  - [Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education \(RSE\) and Health Education](#)
  - [Inspecting safeguarding in early years, education and skills settings](#)

### **Annex's**

A – clarification around what Honour-based Violence (HBV) includes

- [New FGM Resource Pack](#)

C – updated school guidance on [Teaching Online Safety in School](#)

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download guidance.