

# **Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE) 2025 - Summary Handout**

## **1. Overview and Legal Status**

KCSIE 2025 is statutory guidance for schools and colleges in England. It outlines the legal duties to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. All staff must read and understand Part 1 of the guidance.

## **2. Safeguarding Responsibilities**

All staff have a responsibility to safeguard children. Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs) coordinate safeguarding efforts. Staff must be alert to signs of abuse and know how to respond.

## **3. Safer Recruitment**

Recruitment processes must include appropriate checks, including DBS checks, references, and identity verification. Staff involved in recruitment must be trained in safer recruitment practices.

## **4. Managing Allegations and Concerns**

Clear procedures must be in place for managing allegations against staff. Low-level concerns must also be recorded and addressed appropriately. The DSL and headteacher play key roles in managing these processes.

## **5. Child-on-Child Abuse and Gender-Questioning Children**

KCSIE 2025 reinforces the importance of addressing child-on-child abuse, including sexual harassment and bullying. It also includes guidance on supporting gender-questioning children with sensitivity and in line with safeguarding principles.

## **6. Legislative Updates and Annexes**

The 2025 update includes changes to reflect new legislation and best practices. Annexes provide additional guidance on specific topics such as online safety, mental health, and record-keeping.

## **7. Final Notes**

All staff must be familiar with the full KCSIE guidance. Regular training and updates are essential. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.