

Below are the current updates, subject to change:

Part One: Safeguarding Information for All Staff

Page 4: The definition of "safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children" has been updated to reflect the latest "Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023".

Paragraph 18: The section on "Early help" has been revised to align with the updated "Working Together" guidance.

Paragraph 19: The heading "Abuse and Neglect" has been amended to include "exploitation" and this change is reflected throughout the document.

Paragraph 24: Additional text has been added to "Indicators of Abuse and Neglect" to specify "including where they see, hear, or experience its effects" in the context of domestic violence.

Paragraph 29: The term "deliberately missing education" has been updated to "unexplainable and/or persistent absences from education" in the section on "Safeguarding Issues".

Part Two: The Management of Safeguarding

Paragraph 92: A new paragraph has been included to address compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and UK GDPR requirements.

Paragraph 171: Clarification has been added that schools remain responsible for the pupils they place in alternative provision.

Paragraph 204: Links have been added to NSPCC advice on protecting children with Special Educational Needs (SEN), as well as deaf or disabled children and young people.

Paragraphs 205 to 209: Additional text and a disclaimer have been included to provide further clarification on terminology and guidance related to children who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or questioning their gender.

Part Five: Child-on-Child Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment

Paragraph 497: The text on "Early help" has been revised to align with "Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023".

Annex B: Further Information

Page 148: The section on "Children and the court system" now includes two separate age-appropriate guides for schools to support children involved in the court system.

Page 156: A disclaimer has been added to the "Preventing radicalisation" section, with minimal changes to clarify schools' duties in relation to Prevent.

Annex C: Role of the Designated Safeguarding Lead

Page 170: Additional guidance has been added to bullet point 3 regarding the rationale for making decisions about "Holding and sharing information."