

## GREENSIDE & GRIFFIN

### Updated for 2021

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There's a condensed version of part 1 and more guidance on peer-on-peer abuse. Read on for the main changes you need to know about.

The new version of [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#) (KCSIE) comes into force in September 2021. This follows on from a consultation on the proposed changes in March 2021. The main changes are:

#### 1. Safeguarding information for all staff: condensed version of part 1 introduced

You can decide whether staff who don't work directly with children on a regular basis read either:

- Part 1 of KCSIE (as they're expected to do now); or
- The condensed version of part 1 (Annex A)

There's also additional guidance on peer-on-peer abuse, to emphasise the importance of staff knowing what it is and how to respond to reports.

#### 2. Management of safeguarding: protecting children from peer-on-peer abuse in part 2

Your child protection policy should include:

- Your whole-school approach to peer-on-peer abuse
- Reporting systems in place for pupils
- Recognition that peer-on-peer abuse may be taking place, even if not reported
- Online safety, including the use of the internet on mobile phones due to its role in peer-on-peer abuse
- Additional barriers when recognising abuse for pupils with SEND

#### 3. Safer recruitment: re-structured part 3 with more guidance on the recruitment process

There are no changes to your statutory requirements on safer recruitment. Instead, there's:

- Been a re-structure so it's not weighted as heavily on Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks
- More guidance on advertising, shortlisting, references, selection and also ongoing vigilance

#### 4. Managing allegations against staff: updated guidance on low-level concerns in part 4

There are no changes to your statutory requirements on managing allegations against staff.

#### 5. Child-on-child sexual violence and harassment: additional guidance in part 5

There's extra content around these issues, such as clarity on where and how they can occur, and an explanation that part 5 should be read alongside the updated guidance on [sexual violence and sexual harassment](#).

#### Role of the designated safeguarding lead (DSL): updates to Annex C

The updated guidance outlines:

- Responsibilities for DSLs relating to pupils with a social worker
- A toolkit of online resources for DSLs will be developed in autumn 2021
- Further expectations around training for DSLs