

Summary updates KCSIE 2026

Aspect	Part	Paragraph reference	Notes
Domestic abuse	Annex A		Operation Encompass increased focus and links with schools Revised information
Family members in prison	Annex A		Increased recognition of impact on family Eg absence, mental health, substance abuse
Honour or haith-based abuse	Annex A		Renamed from honour based absue
Child-on-child abuse	1	29-35	Revised, added <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Harassment and violence - Serious physical assault and harm - Theat of harm with weapon - Gendered considerations
Community based early help	1	81	Linked to WTSC (due to be revised) 2 stages of EH
CSE	1	41	Raised awareness of all areas of exploitation, including modern slavery, organised networks, CSE and county lines
Indecent images	1		Revised definition – nudes and semi-nudes Also covers Self generated intimate images and those created using AI (deep fakes)
LADO referral (allegation about member of staff)	1	75	In part 4 already but added to staff part 1
Mental health	1	44-47	Updated section
Serious violence	1	48-51	Updated section. Expectation on staff to report concerns if a child maybe carrying or intending to carry a weapon. DSL must risk assess situation and take appropriate action.
Teenage relationship abuse	1	20, 42 and 184	Added category child on child abuse 'abuse in intimate personal relationships between children.' Referenced in domestic abuse paragraph And knowledge of DSL Covers physical, sexual, emotional and stalking
Types of abuse - Emotional abuse	1	25	Revised
Types of abuse - Sexual abuse	1	26	Revised
Alternative education	2	204	New voluntary standards – suggestion to use the standards More emphasis on due diligence checks to ensure provision meets needs

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Children who are lesbian, gay or bisexual	2	244	Standalone paragraph now
Children who are gender questioning	2	245-275	Lengthy section explaining how schools should approach and manage arrangements for these children
Children with SEND	2	240-242	Added & updated Reference to intimate care /children more dependent on adults for care
Children with medical issues	2	243	New paragraph
Information security and access management	2	170-172	Redrafted Cleaner link to cyber security standards
Information sharing	2	137-145	Expanded and updated
Online safety	2		Revised definitions of the 4 Cs – content, contact, conduct & commerce Age-appropriate teaching Governors to review filtering and monitoring Understanding of safe and effective use of AI and AI tools
Toilets & PE changing	2	104-115	New paragraph; Toilets 8 and over, PE secondary
Mobile phones	2	163	New paragraph; link to new DfE guidance April 2026
Young carers	2	239	New paragraph Early identification and effective help
Preventative education	2	153	Also covers racism, derogatory behaviour and forms of physical violence and conflict Also emphasised in other paragraphs Link to new RSE guidance September 2026
Restrictive interventions	2	197-199	Link to new guidance (April 2026) Clarifies use of reasonable force, advice for Send pupils
Safer recruitment	3		Revised DBS guidance (table above para 320) Example SCR para 345
Harmful sexual behaviours (HSB)	5		Raised profile throughout and rewritten part 5 See a continuum of issues, early identification key to prevention of more serious HSB