

Welcome to the July 2024 Scomis Online Safety Newsletter for Schools

DfE publishes Draft (September 2024) Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSiE)

[Keeping children safe in education 2024](#) – updated May 2024, publication of the final version is expected to come into force in September 2024.

The guidance sets out what schools and colleges in England **must** do to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and young people under the age of 18.

It is directed at:

- governing bodies of maintained schools, nursery schools and colleges
- proprietors of non-maintained special schools and independent schools
- management of committees of pupil referral units (PRUs)
- senior leadership teams

The NSPCC 's summary of changes can be found [here](#)

Download updated 2022, 2023 and 2024

NSPCC Caspar briefing [here](#)



Proposed updates for KCSiE 2024 include: **Definition of safeguarding**

'Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children' updated to reflect the changes made in the statutory guidance; [Working together to safeguard children](#) The definition now includes the additional points of:

- providing help and support to meet the needs of children as soon as problems emerge
- protecting children from maltreatment, inside or outside the home, **including online**

Data Protection

Recommendation for school staff, governors and trustees to use the [DfE Data Protection guidance](#) for schools to understand Data Protection. This guidance from the DfE sets out how to:

- comply with data protection law
- develop data policies
- prevent personal data breaches

Updates made to KCSiE 2023 included:

- clarification around the roles and responsibilities of education staff in relation to **filtering and monitoring**

Filtering and Monitoring

The updated guidance makes it clear all staff should receive training on the expectations, applicable roles and responsibilities. The guidance signposts the [Department for Education's new filtering and monitoring standards](#)

Schools and colleges should consider meeting the [DfE's Cyber security standards](#), including:

- in-house or third party IT support
- hardware, software and digital services that are connected to the internet or network

Cyber Security

Cyber Security and the threat of Ransomware is becoming of increasing concern to organisations and individuals. Scomis takes this opportunity to remind schools of the need to raise awareness of key **cyber threats with all members of staff**. Help your staff to manage some of the key cyber threats, follow advice from the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC):

1. Improve your email security, watch the video [Take your email security to another level](#)
2. Combine three random words to create a password consider the use of ['three random words'](#)
3. Learn how to turn on two-step verification (2SV) [NCSC 2SV guidance](#)
4. Do not ignore reminders to update devices [Install the latest software and app updates](#)
5. Use Password Managers to safely store passwords: [NCSC guidance on use of browsers and apps](#)
6. Don't risk losing important data including photos! [NCSC guidance on backing up data](#)

Check the **Top Tips for staying safe** from the NCSC [here](#)



Staff Training

Check how the UK Council for Internet Safety (UKCIS) [Online Safety Audit Tool](#) helps mentors of trainee teachers and newly qualified teachers to induct mentees and provide ongoing support, development and monitoring.

Consider including a Cyber Security session for your next 'Staff Inset'

The government's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) has produced free cyber security [training](#) resources to raise awareness for staff.

Resources include a scripted presentation pack; self learn video and powerpoint.

Review a range of practical resources from the NCSC to help improve cyber security including:

[Cyber Security training for school staff](#) to help improve your school's cyber resilience.

Don't forget!
Helpline for staff solely dedicated to supporting the children's workforce:

The Professionals Online Safety Helpline (POSH):
[Website](#) Tel: 0344 381 4772

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