**Keeping Children Safe in Education September 2024 Key Updates**

* An updated **definition of safeguarding** is now broadly in line with definitions within the updated [**Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023**](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fassets.publishing.service.gov.uk%2Fmedia%2F669e7501ab418ab055592a7b%2FWorking_together_to_safeguard_children_2023.pdf&data=05%7C02%7CCatharine.Newport%40wokingham.gov.uk%7C2adaa3cca9e74559447508dccd81088b%7C996ee15c0b3e4a6f8e65120a9a51821a%7C0%7C0%7C638611201287207156%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=hqZjTz4KZ9HpGnDJzLwCYuFv3rjPoWl89mBjarxzoic%3D&reserved=0) (WTSC23) published last December. The full definition can be found in paragraph 3 of the KCSIE document.
* The term ‘**abuse and neglect**’ has been expanded to include ‘**exploitation**’.
* The phrase ‘**deliberately missing education**’ had been replaced by ‘**unexplainable and or/persistent absences from education**’.
* The definition of abuse now also has **'including where they see, hear or experience its effects**' in relation to domestic abuse.
* The phrase ‘**gender questioning**’ has replaced the word ‘trans’, but this section remains under review until the completion of the [gender questioning children consultation](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fconsult.education.gov.uk%2Fequalities-political-impartiality-anti-bullying-team%2Fgender-questioning-children-proposed-guidance%2F&data=05%7C02%7CCatharine.Newport%40wokingham.gov.uk%7C2adaa3cca9e74559447508dccd81088b%7C996ee15c0b3e4a6f8e65120a9a51821a%7C0%7C0%7C638611201287226529%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=51Sy0zwG%2BGQMG2%2BMHmN%2FPwoJzYUNWC3530FCFTytpLc%3D&reserved=0) and publication of final guidance.
* Clarification that schools continue to be responsible for the safeguarding of pupils they place with an **alternative provision** provider.
* New wording using the DfE's **data protection** guidance.
* Reference to the **UK Centre for Professional Qualifications** in paragraph 287 has been removed, as they no longer provide an advisory service on behalf of the UK Government.
* Additional information is included on when children may require **early help**, in accordance with the guidance in WTSC23.
* An updated definition of **radicalisation**, although guidance on preventing radicalisation is still under review after the government published a [new definition of extremism](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gov.uk%2Fgovernment%2Fpublications%2Fnew-definition-of-extremism-2024%2Fnew-definition-of-extremism-2024&data=05%7C02%7CCatharine.Newport%40wokingham.gov.uk%7C2adaa3cca9e74559447508dccd81088b%7C996ee15c0b3e4a6f8e65120a9a51821a%7C0%7C0%7C638611201287239632%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=lmKDlWb%2BsRl%2FIxTkmXkT6nE3lxvGLRwaAFp1BtCXEt4%3D&reserved=0) in March 2024.

**Next steps**:

* Reflect any definition or terminology changes in your school’s policies and procedures as appropriate.
* If you're the DSL, make sure you follow the guidance on keeping written records of all concerns, discussions and decisions, including the rationale for those decisions.
* If you place a pupil with an alternative provision provider, make sure you're satisfied that the placement meets the pupil’s needs.