

## **1. Key Changes**

### **a) Background**

The Department for Education has issued its annual update of Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE).

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/1080047/KCSIE\\_2022\\_revised.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1080047/KCSIE_2022_revised.pdf)

A useful summary of the key changes can be found at Annex F of the document (pages 174 to 177).

### **i) Key Changes to Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022**

A considerable part of KCSIE has not changed with the recent updates, however, the new 2022 guidance has provided focus on several key areas, which are reflected in and are summarised below:

- Change of term peer-to-peer to child to child (this reflects the merging of Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment between Children in Schools and Colleges guidance into KCSIE 2022)
- Clarity on need to comply with obligations detailed in the Human Rights Act 1998, the Equality Act 2010, and the Public Sector Equality Duty
- New paragraph setting out that children may not feel ready or know how to tell someone they are being abused
- Additional Guidance regarding expectations of Governors notably in terms of training/induction and examination of online safety measures for students
- Extended the information about schools and colleges ensuring children who may be LGBT about additional considerations
- Clarity for online safety for those students engaged in remote learning
- Inclusion of guidance on Domestic Abuse
- To provide clarity on the process for addressing low-level concerns

- Clarity on key considerations in terms of child on child sexual violence and sexual harassment
- Additional guidance on the process for sharing low-level concerns notably in involvement of Principal/Chair of Governor, plus refinement in examples of low-level concern to include "Humiliating learners"
- Clarity on suggested amendments to the shortlisting process for schools, notably to "consider" carrying out an online search as part of their due diligence on the shortlisted candidates (

As well as changes to our procedures, the College Safeguarding Portal has also been refined to reflect these changes and, where appropriate, we have added to the information on the portal e.g. a new section on Domestic Abuse.