

Inspecting safeguarding in early years, education and skills settings

Main changes in the revised version August 2016

Paragraph references	Changes made
5	New reference to the 'Prevent' duty guidance for schools and colleges
11, 18	New references to safeguarding children who have special educational needs and/or disabilities
13	References to 'safeguarding policies' have been replaced with 'child protection policies' to fit with statutory guidance. There is also a reference to the need for staff behaviour policies.
18	New reference to including the risks of peer on peer abuse in the child protection policy
18	Reference to the new requirement for all staff and leaders to receive regular updates on safeguarding at least annually
18	Clarification that designated members of staff for safeguarding need to have safeguarding training every two years and their knowledge and skills should be refreshed at least annually.
18	Reference to the new requirement that there should be a designated member of staff for safeguarding available at all times that the school/college/setting is open for staff to discuss concerns
18	Reference to ensuring that teachers understand the mandatory duty to report known cases of female genital mutilation
18	Reference to the new requirement for schools and settings to have appropriate filters and monitoring systems in place to protect learners from harmful online material
32	Clarification that judgements about safeguarding should not be made solely on the evidence presented, but that inspectors should probe further and use additional evidence
40	Clarification that the lead inspector should run an internet check for safeguarding issues related to the provider as part of pre-inspection planning

46-47	Minor changes to the wording of sentences to be used in inspection reports about safeguarding incidents
Annex 1	References to boards of trustees and academy sponsors throughout
Annex 1 and Annex 2	References to the requirement to check that teachers are not prohibited from teaching and that managers of independent schools are not prohibited from management. Annex 2 explains that providers should do this using the Teacher Services System
Annex 2	New reference to the factual note published by the Department for Education about the scope of regulated activity
Annex 2	Reference to the strengthened requirement for checks on individuals who have lived or worked outside the UK
Annex 2	New reference to the need for enhanced DBS checks on governors
Annex 3	Additional requirement for section 128 prohibition checks to be recorded on the single central record
Annex 3	Clarification that any checks carried out on volunteers should be recorded on the single central record