ST PAUL'S SAFEGUARDING

KCSIE 2026 PART ONE

KEY SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION FOR ALL STAFF

Part One explains what every adult working in schools and colleges **needs to know** and **do** to help keep children safe.

Read it. Understand it. Put it into practice every day.

REMEMBER:
Maintain an attitude of: It could happen here.

1 PUT CHILDREN FIRST

The best interests of the child must always come first

- Always act in the child's best interests.
- Understand your school's safeguarding systems.
- Work in partnership with others.
- Speak up if something doesn't feel right.

2 NOTICE CONCERNS EARLY

Early support can prevent concerns from escalating

- Look out for signs of abuse, neglect, exploitation and other risks.
- Be aware that some children may need additional support.
- Understand Early Help and Family Help.
- Stay professionally curious.

3 LISTEN TO CHILDREN

Take what children say seriously.

- Listen carefully.
- Reassure them they are being taken seriously.
- Support them and help them feel safe.
- Never promise secrecy.
- Explain what will happen next.

4 UNDERSTAND ONLINE RISKS

Online safety is safeguarding

- Beware of online abuse and exploitation.
- Understand risks from AI, deepfakes and emerging technology.
- Report online concerns.
- Help children to stay safe online.

5 CHALLENGE INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR

Child-on-child abuse is a safeguarding issue.

- It can happen online and offline.
- Never dismiss abusive behaviour as 'banter', 'just having a laugh' or 'part of growing up'.
- Challenge inappropriate behaviour.
- Support may be needed for both the victim and alleged perpetrator.

6 REPORT CONCERNS IMMEDIATELY

If you are worried about a child, act without delay.

- Report concerns to the DSL immediately.
- Don't investigate.
- Record what you saw, heard or were told.
- Include any action taken and the outcome.
- Never assume someone else has reported it.

IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT A CHILD

Speak to your DSL or Deputy immediately.

If they are unavailable, it must not delay taking action. Follow your organisation's child protection procedures or seek advice from Children's Social Care.

KEY REMINDERS

CHILD FIRST
Always put the child first.

STAY CURIOUS
Don't ignore concerns

RECORD
Record accurately, objectively and promptly.

SHARE
Information sharing should never be a barrier to keeping children safe.

KNOW THE DSL
Know who to contact and how to report concerns.

ACT EARLY
Share concerns early so help can be given sooner.

This visual summary highlights key messages from KCSIE 2026 Part One. **It does not replace reading Part One** or your organisation's safeguarding policies.