

Annex F: Table of substantive changes from September 2023

This table explains where we made substantive changes.

Summary	About the guidance
Part one	Safeguarding information for all staff
Page 7	Definition of ‘safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children’ – amended to reflect the duties that relate to school and college staff within the updated ‘Working together to safeguard children 2023’
Paragraph 18	‘Early help’ – amended to reflect the duties which apply to school and college staff within the revised ‘Working Together’ guidance
Paragraph 19	‘Abuse and Neglect’ – heading amended to include ‘ <i>exploitation</i> ’ (also throughout the document as applicable)
Paragraph 24	‘Indicators of Abuse and neglect’ – additional text included ‘ <i>including where they see, hear, or experience its effects</i> ’ when referring to domestic violence.
Paragraph 29	‘Safeguarding Issues’ – ‘ <i>deliberately missing education</i> ’ amended to reflect revised definition of ‘ <i>unexplainable and or/persistent absences from education</i> ’
Part two	The management of safeguarding
Paragraph 92	Data Protection Act 2018 and UK GDPR – paragraph included to comply with DPA/UKGDPR requirements
Paragraph 171	‘Alternative Provision’ – text added to clarify school remains responsible for the pupils they place in alternative provision
Paragraph 180	Wording amended to reflect change in legislation – School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024
Paragraph 204	Links added to NSPCC advice on protecting children with SEN; and deaf/disabled children and young people
Paragraphs 205 to 209	‘Children who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or questioning their gender’ – disclaimer added, and additional text includes further clarification to comply with gender questioning children guidance terminology
Part three	Safer recruitment

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Page 78	'Individuals who have lived or worked outside the UK' - reference to 'UK Centre for Professional Qualifications' removed (including the link) as they no longer provide an advisory service on behalf of the UK Government in regard to regulated professions and recognition of professional qualifications. This service ceased in December 2023
Part five	Child-on-child sexual violence and sexual harassment
Paragraph 497	'Early help' – text amended to reflect 'Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023'
Annex B	Further information
Page 151	'Children and the court system' – two separate age-appropriate guides for schools to support children in the court system now included
Page 156	'Preventing radicalisation' – disclaimer added, and minimal changes to wording, to clarify school and college duties in relation to Prevent
Annex C	Role of the designated safeguarding lead
Page 170	'Holding and sharing information' – bullet point 3 further guidance added regarding the rationale for making decisions