

KCSIE 2026

FINAL SEPTEMBER CHANGES

Additional changes introduced when the guidance came into force

IN FORCE FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2026

Supplement to the Trust's KCSIE 2026 training

1 PREJUDICE-BASED HARM PARA 17

All staff should recognise prejudice-based harm, including racism, faith-based prejudice and other discrimination. It may affect welfare, wellbeing, mental health and a child's willingness to seek help.

2 SEXUAL ABUSE PARA 28

The definition now includes forcing, causing or inciting. Children are more likely to know their abuser than not. Under-13s can never provide valid consent; sexual activity involving an under-16 is an offence regardless of agreement.

3 FAITH-TARGETED ABUSE PARA 32

Racism, faith-targeted abuse and other discriminatory behaviour may significantly affect a child's welfare, wellbeing and sense of safety and must be considered within safeguarding practice.

4 CHILD-ON-CHILD ABUSE PARA 37

Discriminatory behaviour - including racism, faith-targeted abuse and other prejudice-based incidents - is now expressly included within child-on-child abuse.

5 WHOLE-SCHOOL CULTURE PARA 119

Schools should promote an inclusive, anti-discriminatory culture where racism and other discriminatory behaviour are recognised, challenged and addressed as safeguarding responsibilities.

6 EYFS DBS CHECKS PARAS 326 & 386

Staff and volunteers must not begin work in provision covered by the EYFS framework until the school has received the enhanced DBS certificate, including barred-list information.

WHAT STAFF NEED TO DO

- 1 Recognise prejudice-based incidents as potential safeguarding harm, not solely behaviour matters.
- 2 Record concerns and share them promptly with the DSL or a deputy in line with school procedures.
- 3 Apply the EYFS DBS restriction immediately: no work begins before the required certificate is received.