

Changes to Keeping Children Safe in Education for 2023

Main changes to be aware of in KCSIE 2023

New emphasis on filtering and monitoring systems. Be aware that:

- Filtering and monitoring systems protect pupils and staff from harmful and inappropriate content online
- Harmful content may be legal or illegal, and could include:
 - Pornography
 - Promotion of self-harm and/or suicide
 - Misogyny
 - Racism
 - Fake news
 - Extreme views
- All staff should follow policies and procedures, report any problems, and monitor what's happening on screens in school

Added clarity around the meaning of the terms “children absent from education” and “children missing education”. Be aware that:

- Children absent from education are on the school roll, but are regularly not attending
- Children missing education aren't on any school roll or being educated elsewhere
- These are vital warning signs of safeguarding risks to a child

Other change to be aware of

There has been a change in the law from February 2023 around forced marriage:

- It is now a crime to carry out any conduct whose purpose is to cause a child to marry before their 18th birthday, even if violence, threats or coercion are not used
- This applies to non-binding, unofficial “marriages”, as well as legal marriages

Sources

- [Keeping Children Safe in Education, GOV.UK – Department for Education](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/keeping-children-safe-in-education--2)
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