

KCSIE 2026

SCITT admin update

KCSIE and SCITT responsibilities

- KCSIE addresses schools and colleges
- ITT criteria connect provider practice to KCSIE
- School and provider responsibilities overlap
- Admin teams are an integral part of the safeguarding process

The main changes for 2026

- Full Part One for all school and college staff
- Explicit procedures for concerns about trainees
- Changes to regulated activity and volunteer checks
- Updated online harms and safeguarding responses

Part One and induction

- The condensed Part One has been removed
- The new overview complements the full text
- Trainees need induction at each placement school
- Reading records should reflect the 2026 version
- ITT C1.3 says trainees should receive the child protection policy, staff behaviour policy, DSL information and KCSIE at the start of training in any school
- School employed admin staff have statutory expectation to read part 1

Concerns about trainee teachers

- Part Four explicitly includes trainees
- Harm-threshold allegations follow the school procedure
- Low-level concerns follow the relevant policy

Example:

If a safeguarding concern arises about a trainee's conduct on placement, it should be reported promptly through the school's procedures and shared with the training provider. The school leads the safeguarding response, involving the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) where appropriate, while the provider cooperates and considers any implications for the trainee's programme. Lower-level concerns should follow the school's low-level concerns policy. Both organisations should record decisions, protect children and support the trainee fairly. Simply ending or moving the placement does not resolve the concern.

School and provider coordination

- The school manages the safeguarding process
- The provider cooperates and shares relevant information
- Identify a school contact and a SCITT contact to coordinate information sharing and agreed actionsPlacement changes need safeguarding consideration

The school manages the safeguarding response and decides whether the trainee can remain on its placement; the SCITT decides their status on the training programme

Regulated activity and volunteers

- The supervision exemption has been removed
- Regular qualifying volunteer roles need barred-list checks
- Frequency can accumulate across different settings
- Fee-funded trainee checks remain the provider’s responsibility
- We remain in conversation with the department regarding future expectations

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Volunteer Supervision
Crime and Policing Act 2026
Note: not in Part one itself, included here because Part One references the Crime and Policing Act (2026).
Source: Keeping Children Safe in Education (DfE September 2026)
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DBS responsibility and placement assurance

- Fee-funded: provider completes the necessary checks
- Salaried: employing school completes the checks
- Written assurance confirms checks and suitability
- Fee-funded trainees need not appear on the school SCR

Online harms and harmful sexual behaviour

- AI-generated nudes and deepfakes are explicit
- Part Five gives greater emphasis to harmful sexual behaviour
- Sharing sexual imagery requires a safeguarding response
- Admin staff need a safe reporting route

Areas schools should cover for trainees

Area	What the trainee needs to understand
Mobile phones	The school's pupil phone rules, authorised exceptions and how to respond to breaches. Separately, its staff rules on personal phones, taking photographs and communicating with pupils or parents.
AI	Which tools the school permits, whether pupils can use them, what information trainees may enter and how to check generated teaching materials before using them.
Filtering	Which systems block inappropriate content, how to report harmful material that gets through, and how to request access to a legitimate teaching resource that is blocked.
Monitoring	How the school identifies concerning online activity, what trainees should watch for during lessons and whom they should tell about a concern or alert.

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6aba40e0fceb6fb3a650127d/Keeping_children_safe_in_education_2026.pdf
paragraphs 173–177

Actions for SCITT administration

- Refresh checking forms and assurance letters
- Confirm escalation contacts
- Record 2026 reading and placement induction
- Flag unresolved concerns before placement changes

Questions and local priorities

- Which process would you like to review in your SCITT?
- Are school and provider responsibilities clear?
- Who handles a concern if and when it is raised with the provider?

Reference: checks and suitability

- KCSIE Part Three: recruitment and vetting
- Paragraphs 374–376: trainee checking responsibilities
- Paragraphs 383–390: volunteers
- ITT C1.3: suitability and safeguarding

Reference: guidance and changes

- Final KCSIE 2026: effective 1 September 2026
- Annex C: the official summary of changes
- Paragraphs 455–459: shared trainee responsibilities
- ITT criteria 2026–27: provider responsibilities