KCSIE 2026 - DSL/SLT Action Checklist

Use this one-page checklist to help schools and MATs review KCSIE 2026 actions, brief SLT and governors, and keep evidence with safeguarding records.

Practical note: Use this checklist alongside the official DfE KCSIE guidance, local safeguarding procedures and your school policies. Keep completed checks, updates and minutes with your safeguarding evidence.

Done	Area to check	Action for DSL / SLT / IT / governors
	Part 1 for all staff	Confirm all staff read Part 1 in full. Keep induction records and read receipts. Use the Part 1 quick-reference guide only as a support aid, not as a replacement.
	Staff safeguarding updates	Brief staff on early help and Family Help, child-on-child abuse, harassment and violence, modern slavery, CCE/CSE, mental health, serious violence and online harms.
	Policies & induction	Check child protection, behaviour, staff code of conduct and absence/attendance response procedures. Confirm DSL/deputy DSL details and recording/escalation routes.
	Filtering & monitoring review	Complete the annual effectiveness review. Include the SLT lead, DSL and IT support, and check filtering/monitoring across school devices, networks and relevant systems.
	Online safety risks	Update online safety content for misinformation, disinformation, conspiracy theories, misogyny, racism, scams, gambling, making or sharing nudes and semi-nudes, AI-generated or altered images and deepfakes.
	AI & acceptable use	Review staff and pupil use of generative AI tools. Check monitoring alerts, image/video risks, allow lists, exception rationale, DPIAs, privacy notices and acceptable use wording.
	Cyber & information security	Check MFA, admin accounts, patching, backups, restore testing, Wi-Fi/switch security, access reviews and incident response evidence.
	Information sharing & CP files	Review child protection file transfer procedures, secure transit, receipt confirmation, structured summaries, current vs historic risks and DSL/SENCO handover.
	Safer recruitment & SCR	Review recruitment notes, SCR headings, visitor categories, volunteers, work experience supervision, DBS checks, online searches and teacher record checks.
	Allegations & low-level concerns	Review procedures for staff, supply teachers, trainee teachers, volunteers and contractors. Check LADO referral routes and recording of low-level concerns.
	Part 5 & harmful sexual behaviour	Review responses to harmful sexual behaviour, sexual harassment and sexual violence, including online sexual harassment, consent, nudes/semi-nudes and support arrangements.
	Governance & evidence pack	Brief governors or trustees on the 2026 expectations, completed checks and remaining actions. Keep minutes, training logs, policies, technical reports and review records together.

Suggested evidence: training logs, Part 1 read receipts, governor minutes, policy copies, filtering and monitoring review records, screenshots of checks, cyber/back-up evidence, SCR review notes and child protection file transfer procedures.

This checklist is a practical prompt for schools and MATs. It is not legal advice and should be used alongside official guidance and local safeguarding procedures.

For further information on KCSIE 2026, please visit:

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