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Hot Topics

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Today's Topics

- Covid protective measures in schools (Autumn 2021);
- A word on pupil progress (**new** Recovery Premium guidance published Sept.);
- **New** Keeping Children Safe in Education;
- Ofsted plans for schools this term;
- **New** School Admissions Code;
- **New** Early Years' Framework

1. Covid measures

Updated five times
since 6th July


Department
for Education

Guidance

Schools COVID-19 operational guidance

Updated 27 August 2021

.... moving away from stringent restrictions on everyone's day-to-day lives, towards advising people on how to protect themselves and others, alongside targeted interventions to reduce risk.

The situation in September 2021

Our priority is for you to deliver face-to-face, high-quality education to all pupils.

- Four key elements:
- isolation and, track and trace;
- *close contact* guidance;
- school contingency planning;
- changes in quarantine rules for overseas boarding pupils.

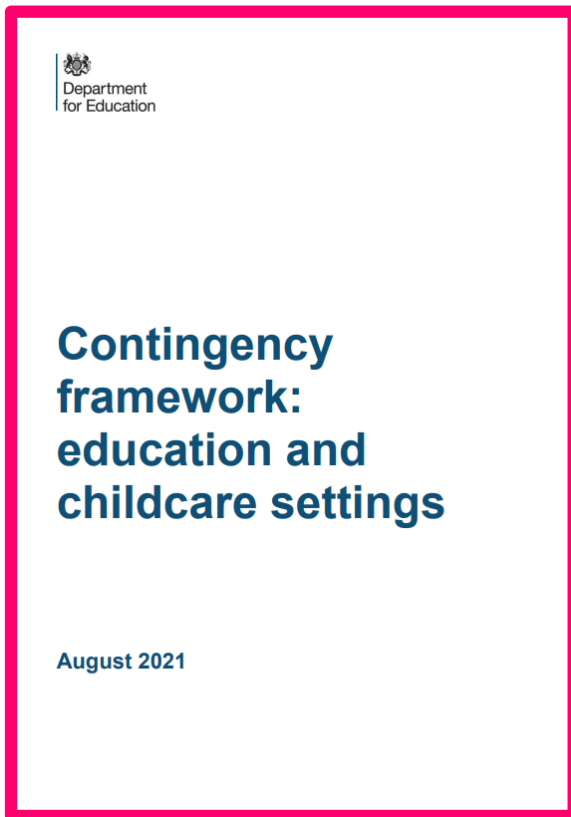
Isolation and track & trace DFE guidance:

- **Contact tracing (in schools) ended 18th July;**
- **NHS Test and Trace will work with pupils/parents to identify close contacts;**
- **Self-isolation is not necessary for family member/close contact of infected persons if:**
 - **fully vaccinated**
 - **aged under 18.6 years**
 - **participating in vaccine trial**

Close Contact DFE guidance:

- Staff & pupils who have had close contact are expected to attend school;
- No need for masks in school but *recommended and expected on public and dedicated transport*;
- *If* local outbreak, schools are expected to work with health protection teams

Covid 'Contingency Plans'



- Sometimes called 'outbreak management plans'
- DfE say schools 'should' have them in place;
- Guidance updated August 2021.

Questions for governors to ask:

- Have risk assessment and Covid procedures been reviewed?
- Have parents/carers been notified?
- Is an outbreak management plan in place?
- Is Remote Learning ready to be enacted?

Pupil Progress – a reminder

- Governors must know the outcomes of Teacher Assessment;
- Work planners and agendas should reflect regular updates to governance;
- Governors need to know what gaps exist and what is being done to close them;
- Governors should know how catch up and recovery premiums are being spent and to what effect.

New Recovery Premium (6th Sept.)



- Now explicitly linked to Pupil Premium;
- Available for all stated funded schools ages 4-15
- £145 mainstream pupils, £290 Special unit;
- Minimum 'floor' payment for all eligible schools - £2000 primary and £6000 secondary

Keeping Children Safe in Education



Keeping children safe in education (2020)

Statutory guidance for schools and colleges

Update - January 2021 (Post EU Exit)



Keeping children safe in education 2021

Statutory guidance for schools and colleges

September 2021



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The Headlines

Annex G: Table of substantive changes from September 2021

This table explains where we made the changes (the section) and what the change was.

Summary	About the guidance
What is the status of this guidance	Added - KCSIE now applies to providers of post 16 education as set out Education and Training (Welfare of Children) Act 2021 Removed link to now withdrawn interim Covid-19 guidance. Added link to departmental advice Sexual violence and sexual harassment between children in schools and colleges.
About this guidance	Added bullet to clarify that the guidance is also for senior leadership teams.
Who is this guidance for?	Added new paragraph to explain that there is a condensed Part one of this guidance at Annex A. We want to give governing bodies and proprietors the freedom to choose the condensed Part one where they think it will be appropriate for those staff not working directly with children.
Part one	Safeguarding information for all staff
Part one	A number of paragraphs have been moved in Part one to improve the flow of this section.
Paragraph 13	Made clear that child protection policies should also include procedures for dealing with peer on peer abuse.
Paragraph 18	New paragraph making clear that victims should be taken seriously, kept safe and never be made to feel like they are creating a problem for reporting abuse, sexual violence or sexual harassment
Paragraph 31	Updated to reflect the new UKCIS guidance on the sharing of nude and semi-nude images which has replaced their sexting advice.
Paragraphs 32-35	New additional information added on Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) which includes information on how children can be exploited and makes clear that the experiences of girls being criminally exploited can be very different to boys, indicators of CCE may also be different for girls.
Paragraphs 36-39	

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Five pages of

- Role of staff now includes ‘*promote children’s welfare*’ (hint to Mental Health, **sexual abuse** and RSHE);
- online safety must be included in induction of **all** staff;
- **new** Annex A - condensed version, available for school staff **not** working directly with children;
- Annex B (was A last version) should be read by all staff



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Questions for Governors to ask:

- Have staff received training on the new version of KCSIE?
- Has induction for new staff been updated?
- When was the last time governors updated their safeguarding knowledge?

3. Ofsted – Autumn 2021:



- **updates on timing of inspection;**
- **new guidance documents published/updated;**
- **impact of Covid on inspection.**

Timing of inspections:

- those schools last inspected *before* the pandemic can expect a delay of up to six terms later than they would have;
- new schools (inc. Academies) first inspection – expect 3 years after opening;
- outstanding schools no longer exempt.

New and updated guidance:

Guidance
Inspecting schools: guide for maintained and academy schools

This guide gives a summary of what schools should expect and what they need to do as part of an Ofsted inspection.

From: [Ofsted](#)
Published 2 September 2019
Last updated 2 September 2021 — [See all updates](#)

Guidance
Summary of changes
Updated 1 September 2021

Contents

- August 2021 (for September 2021 version)
- June 2021 (for September 2021 version)
- April 2021

This sets out changes we have made to the handbook to reflect our inspection practice. It does not include corrections or changes made to improve clarity.

August 2021 (for September 2021 version)

Guidance
School inspection handbook
Updated 1 September 2021

Covid – impact on inspections:

Same framework (2019) nuanced with:

- **recovery from Covid-generated ‘gaps’;**
- **peer-on-peer sexual abuse and violence;**
- **Relationship, Sex and Health Education;**

and don’t forget:

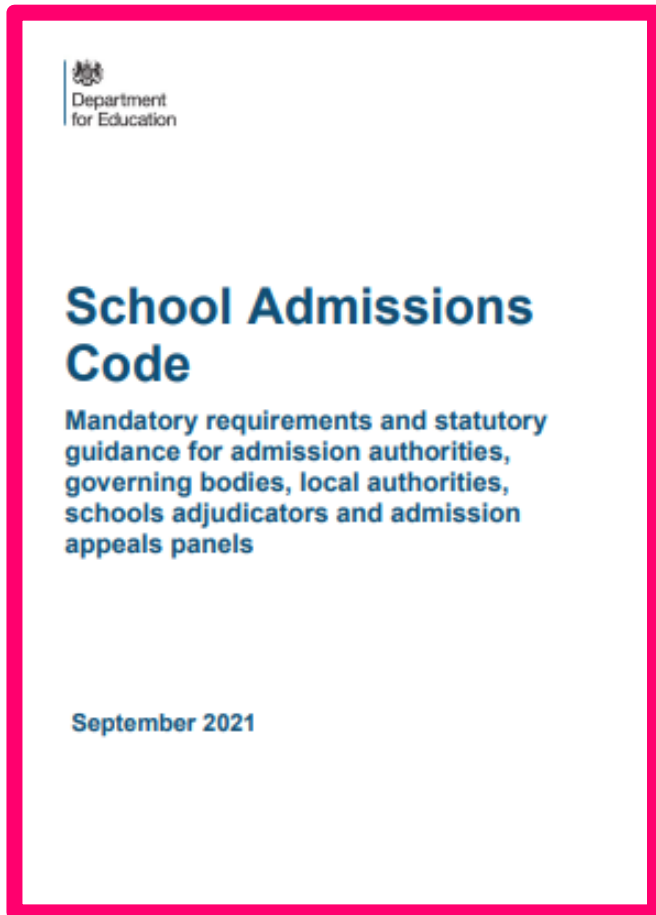
- **curriculum:**

Questions for governors to ask:

- When are we expecting Ofsted?
- Are we compliant on RSHE etc?
- Do we have a narrative on peer-on-peer sexual abuse and violence?
- Can governors clearly articulate the Covid story and the school's or trust's response?
- When did the board last review the status of the school's curriculum offer?



School Admissions Code:

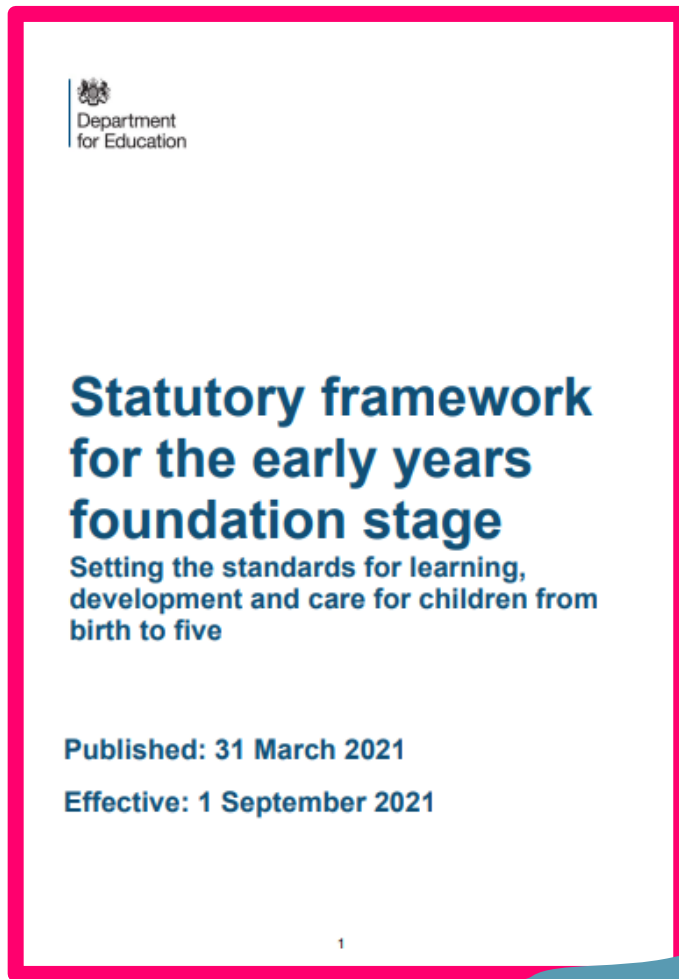


- Replaces 2014 code;
- Effective 1st September;
- Key change re; in year admissions of vulnerable pupils.
- Includes summer 2021 revised guidance on in year fair access.

Questions for governors to ask:

- **Is the school aware of the new code?**
- **Are we our own admissions authority?**
- **If so does our admissions policy need reviewing?**

Early Years Framework:



- **statutory;**
- **Aims to improve learning outcomes at age 5;**
- **Emphasis on early language and literacy**
- **Aligned to workload**

Do we know enough about EYFS?

Any Questions?



References:

- Covid Guidance

[Schools COVID-19 operational guidance - GOV.UK
\(\[www.gov.uk\]\(https://www.gov.uk\)\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/schools-covid-19-operational-guidance)

- Ofsted

[Ofsted - GOV.UK \(\[www.gov.uk\]\(https://www.gov.uk\)\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofsted)

- Admissions Code

[School admissions code - GOV.UK \(\[www.gov.uk\]\(https://www.gov.uk\)\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/school-admissions-code)

- Review Remote Education

[Review your remote education provision - GOV.UK
\(\[www.gov.uk\]\(https://www.gov.uk\)\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/review-your-remote-education-provision)

- Recovery Premium

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