

**SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN
INFORMATION UPDATE - 320
17th August 2020**

Government campaign launches to get children 'back to school safely'

(16/08/20)

Tomorrow (Monday 17 August) the government launches its #backtoschoolsafely campaign to reassure parents and students that schools and colleges are ready for their return in September.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-campaign-launches-to-get-children-back-to-school-safely>

Attendance in early years settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak – 23 March to 13 August 2020

(14/08/20)

A summary of attendance in education settings from Monday 23 March to Friday 17 July and early years settings from Thursday 16 April to Thursday 13 August.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/attendance-in-early-years-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak-23-march-to-13-august-2020>

Induction for newly qualified teachers during the coronavirus outbreak

(13/08/20)

Guidance about changes to newly qualified teacher (NQT) induction during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-induction-for-newly-qualified-teachers>

Student number controls (12/08/20)

The measures to protect students and universities during the coronavirus outbreak, including temporary student number controls and additional places.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/student-number-controls>

Transport to school and other places of education: autumn term 2020

(11/08/20)

What LAs will need to do during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak from the start of the autumn term.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/transport-to-school-and-other-places-of-education-autumn-term-2020>

Independent special schools and colleges (10/08/20)

Independent schools for pupils with special educational needs, including those approved under section 41 of the Children and Families Act.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent-special-schools-and-colleges>

Multi-million-pound funding package for school transport (08/08/20)

New funding for local authorities to ease pressure on public transport as children return in September.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/multi-million-pound-funding-package-for-school-transport>



Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance for children's social care services (07/08/20)

Advice about coronavirus (COVID-19) for LAs and their partners to help support and protect vulnerable children.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-childrens-social-care-services>

Actions for schools during the coronavirus outbreak (07/08/20)

What all schools will need to do during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak from the start of the autumn term.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak>

School attendance: guidance for schools (06/08/20)

How schools can use pupil registers and attendance codes, including in circumstances due to coronavirus (COVID-19), and set school hours and term dates.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-attendance>

Warning notices to independent schools (06/08/20)

DfE letters to independent schools failing to meet the independent school standards for education, safeguarding, governance and other areas of school operation.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collectio ns/warning-notices-to-independent-schools>

Support for working families affected by coronavirus (COVID-19) given an extra boost (05/08/20)

Families that benefit from government-

funded childcare support were given a boost today as the government announced that they would not lose out due to coronavirus (COVID-19).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/support-for-working-families-affected-by-coronavirus-covid-19-given-an-extra-boost>

Attendance in education and early years settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak (04/08/20)

Attendance in education settings since Monday 23 March and early years settings since Thursday 16 April.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collectio ns/attendance-in-education-and-early-years-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Local lockdowns: guidance for education and childcare settings (31/07/20)

What schools, colleges, nurseries, childminders, early years and other educational settings need to do if there's a local lockdown during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publicati ons/local-lockdowns-guidance-for-education-and-childcare-settings>

What parents and carers need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak (31/07/20)

Information for parents and carers about the opening of early years providers, schools and colleges, safety in schools, attendance, transport, school meals and exams.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publicati ons/what-parents-and-carers-need-to->

Changes to the law on education, health and care needs assessments and plans due to coronavirus (31/07/20)

Guidance on temporary changes to SEND legislation during the outbreak.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/changes-to-the-law-on-education-health-and-care-needs-assessments-and-plans-due-to-coronavirus>

Student number controls (30/07/20)

The measures to protect students and universities during the coronavirus outbreak, including temporary student number controls and additional places.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/student-number-controls>

Children's services omnibus (30/07/20)

A summary of responses from senior leaders in LAs to questions asked in waves 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the children's services omnibus survey.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/childrens-services-omnibus>

Disapplication notice: school attendance legislation changes (30/07/20)

Fourth notice to disapply offences for non-attendance in schools during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disapplication-notice-school-attendance-legislation-changes>

Multi-agency statutory guidance on female genital mutilation (30/07/20)

Multi-agency guidelines on FGM for those with statutory duties to safeguard children and vulnerable adults.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multi-agency-statutory-guidance-on-female-genital-mutilation>

Disapplication notice: school inspections legislation changes (30/07/20)

Fourth notice about changes to state-funded school inspections requirements during the coronavirus outbreak.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/disapplication-notice-school-inspections-legislation-changes>

Permanent and fixed-period exclusions in England: 2018 to 2019 (30/07/20)

Levels of permanent and fixed-period exclusions by school type, including information on reasons for exclusions and exclusion review panels.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/permanent-and-fixed-period-exclusions-in-england-2018-to-2019>
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-exclusions>

EYFS (28/07/20)

The standards that school and childcare providers must meet for learning, development and care of children from birth to 5.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/early-years-foundation-stage-framework--2>

Steps to take following the death of a colleague in children's services (28/07/20)

Actions for employers and providers following a COVID-19 related death of a carer/colleague across children's services.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/steps-to-take-following-the-death-of-a-colleague-in-childrens-services>

Actions for early years and childcare providers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak (27/07/20)

What childcare services early years settings, childminders and local authorities need to provide during the outbreak.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-early-years-and-childcare-closures>

Guidance for schools: coronavirus (COVID-19) (24/07/20)

What school leaders, teachers and school staff need to do during the outbreak.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collectio ns/guidance-for-schools-coronavirus-covid-19>

Supporting children and young people with SEND as schools and colleges prepare for wider opening (24/07/20)

Guidance for settings managing children and young people with complex special educational needs and disability during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publicati ons/coronavirus-covid-19-send-risk-assessment-guidance>

Safe working in education, childcare and children's social care (21/07/20)

Preventing and controlling infection, including the use of PPE, in education, childcare and children's social care settings during the coronavirus outbreak.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publicati ons/safe-working-in-education-childcare-and-childrens-social-care>



Improvement notices and directions

(24/07/20)

Improvement notices and directions about children's services issued to councils by the DfE.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collectio ns/improvement-notices>

Employing overseas teachers without qualified teacher status (QTS)

(21/07/20)

Find out about employing overseas-trained teachers without qualified teacher status (QTS) and the 4-year rule.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publicati ons/employing-overseas-teachers-without-qualified-teacher-status-qts>

Attendance in education and early years settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak: 23 March to 17 July 2020 (21/07/20)

A summary of attendance in education settings since Monday 23 March and early years settings since Thursday 16 April.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics /attendance-in-education-and-early-years-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak-23-march-to-17-july-2020>

Letters to academy trusts about poor performance (17/07/20)

DfE letters to academy trusts about poor or inadequate performance or weaknesses in safeguarding, governance or financial management.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collectio ns/letters-to-academies-about-poor-performance>

Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance on isolation for residential educational settings (20/07/20)

Guidance to support management of children and young people in residential educational settings, including boarding schools, residential special schools and children's social care.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-isolation-for-residential-educational-settings>

School governance update (17/07/20)

Important news and communications from the DfE relating to governance in maintained schools and academy trusts in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/school-governance-update>

Help children with SEND continue their education during coronavirus (COVID-19) (16/07/20)

Advice for parents and carers looking after children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-with-send-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Help secondary school children continue their education during coronavirus (COVID-19) (16/07/20)

Advice for parents and carers supporting the home learning of secondary school children (year 7 to 11).

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-secondary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Supporting your children's education during coronavirus (COVID-19)

(16/07/20)

Information, guidance and support for parents and carers of children who are learning at home.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-your-childrens-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Help children aged 2 to 4 to learn at home during coronavirus (COVID-19)

(16/07/20)

Advice for parents and carers of early years children who have not yet started school.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-aged-2-to-4-to-learn-at-home-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Help primary school children continue their education during coronavirus (COVID-19) (16/07/20)

Advice for parents and carers looking after primary school children.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Permanent and fixed period exclusions from schools: 2019 to 2020 (15/07/20)

Levels of permanent and fixed-period exclusions by school type, including information on reasons for exclusions and exclusion review panels.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/permanent-and-fixed-period-exclusions-from-schools-2019-to-2020>



Special educational needs in England: January 2021 (15/07/20)

Information from the school census on pupils with special educational needs and SEN provision in schools.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/special-educational-needs-in-england-january-2021>

Providing free school meals during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak (15/07/20)

Guidance for schools and LAs on the arrangements during the outbreak.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-free-school-meals-guidance>

Relationships education, relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education: FAQs (09/07/20)

Information about the introduction of compulsory relationships education and RSE from September 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/relationships-education-relationships-and-sex-education-rse-and-health-education-faqs>

Relationships education, relationships and sex education (RSE) and health education (09/07/20)

The new curriculum will be compulsory from September 2020. Schools should start teaching from that date if they meet the statutory requirements. If they are not ready, or are unable to meet the requirements, they should begin teaching by at least the start of the summer term 2021.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relationships-education->

Protective measures for holiday or after-school clubs and other out-of-school settings for children during the coronavirus outbreak (10/07/20)

Protective measures for providers of community activities, holiday or after-school clubs, tuition and other out-of-school settings offering provision to children during the outbreak.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protective-measures-for-holiday-or-after-school-clubs-and-other-out-of-school-settings-for-children-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Guidance for parents and carers of children attending out-of-school settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak (10/07/20)

Guidance for parents and carers of children attending community activities, holiday or after-school clubs, tuition and other out-of-school settings.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-for-parents-and-carers-of-children-attending-out-of-school-settings-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

Behaviour and discipline in schools (09/07/20)

How school leaders and staff can develop a school behaviour policy, including checklists to support full school opening following the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/behaviour-and-discipline-in-schools>

NEET and participation: local authority figures (09/07/20)

Data showing the proportions of 16- and 17-year-olds in education and training and an estimate of those not in education, employment or training.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/neet-and-participation-local-authority-figures>

Consented addresses for childminders and domestic childcare (14/08/20)

This report details the names and addresses for childminders and childcare on domestic premises, where the provider has consented for their name and address to be published on the Ofsted inspection report website.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consented-addresses-for-childminders-and-domestic-childcare>

Inspection outcomes of children's homes (13/08/20)

This data is published on a regular basis. It gives the number of inspections and the outcomes for local authority, private and voluntary children's homes.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspection-outcomes-of-childrens-homes>

Ofsted: coronavirus (COVID-19) rolling update (12/08/20)

Ofsted guidance and information relating to coronavirus (COVID-19) for schools, early years, children's social care and further education and skills providers.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ofsted-coronavirus-covid-19-rolling-update>



Deferring Ofsted inspections (12/08/20)

Ofsted's policy for determining that an inspection of a provider should not go ahead on the planned dates.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/deferring-ofsted-inspections>

Ofsted's autumn 2020 plans (12/08/20)

Plans for visiting schools, FE and skills, early years and children's social care providers this autumn.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collect/ions/ofsteds-autumn-2020-plans>

Ofsted to visit nurseries and childminders this autumn (12/08/20)

Ofsted will start carrying out visits to some nurseries and childminders from September 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ofsted-to-visit-nurseries-and-childminders-this-autumn>

Interim visits: registered early years providers (12/08/20)

Operational note for Ofsted inspectors carrying out interim visits to registered early years providers from 01/09/20.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/interim-visits-registered-early-years-providers>

State-funded school inspections and outcomes (11/08/20)

Management information and a one-off publication of inspections and outcomes from 2005 to 2015.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/monthly-management-information-ofsteds-school-inspections-outcomes>

State-funded schools inspections and outcomes as at 31 August 2020

(03/08/20)

Provisional data for the period April to August 2020 and revised data for the period September 2019 to March 2020. <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/state-funded-schools-inspections-and-outcomes-as-at-31-august-2020>

Nurseries and other daycare (childcare on non-domestic premises): registration (28/07/20)

The application process for nurseries, playgroups, before- and after-school clubs and other daycare. This includes fees, who should apply and making changes once you're registered.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/childminders-and-childcare-providers-register-with-ofsted/daycare-childcare-on-non-domestic-premises-registration>

Childminders and childcare providers: register with Ofsted (28/07/20)

Guidance for childminders, nannies, nurseries and people providing other childcare on when/if you need to register with Ofsted, the process, fees and requirements.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/childminders-and-childcare-providers-register-with-ofsted>

Childminders and childcare providers: register with Ofsted (28/07/20)

Most childcare providers looking after children under the age of 8 must register 

with Ofsted. Childminders can choose to register with a childminder agency instead.

However, there are a number of exceptions to this.

There are some situations when you do not have to register with Ofsted, and some when you cannot register (for example, if you are related to all the children you want to look after).

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/childminders-and-childcare-providers-register-with-ofsted/registration-exemptions>

Inspection outcomes of the largest children's social care providers (23/07/20)

These releases identify the largest private and voluntary providers of children's social care in England and their inspection outcomes.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/inspection-outcomes-of-the-largest-childrens-social-care-providers>

Half of all private and voluntary sector fostering placements offered by just 6 companies (23/07/20)

Ofsted has published statistics on private and voluntary providers of children's homes and independent fostering agencies (IFAs).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/half-of-all-private-and-voluntary-sector-fostering-placements-offered-by-just-6-companies>

Childcare protocols between Ofsted and other organisations (17/07/20)

How Ofsted will work with other organisations.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/protocols-between-ofsted-and-other-organisations-in-relation-to-childcare>

An evaluation of the framework for inspecting local areas' SEND services (09/07/20)

Ofsted evaluation report looking at how the area special educational needs and/or disabilities framework is being implemented and its perceived impact on children and young people with SEND.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/an-evaluation-of-the-framework-for-inspecting-local-areas-special-educational-needs-and-or-disabilities-services>

Supporting local areas to prioritise and meet the needs of children and young people with SEND (09/07/20)

Ofsted and CQC will visit local areas to support strengthening SEND systems in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, before returning to full inspections when it is right to do so.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/supporting-local-areas-to-prioritise-and-meet-the-needs-of-children-and-young-people-with-send>

HMCI commentary: the future of area special educational needs and disabilities inspections (09/07/20)

Ofsted's Chief Inspector, Amanda Spielman, discusses the challenges



facing the SEND system, along with Ofsted and CQC's role going forward.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/hmci-commentary-the-future-of-area-special-educational-needs-and-disabilities-inspections>

Young carers and young adult carers: providing care during coronavirus (13/08/20)

This guidance is for anyone under 25 who cares for a family member who cannot cope without their support. This may be because they have a lifelong condition, illness, disability, serious injury, a mental health condition or an addiction.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/young-carers-and-young-adult-carers-providing-care-during-coronavirus>

Child death overview panels: contacts (06/08/20)

Contact details of the people in child death overview panels (CDOPs) who are responsible for receiving child death notifications.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/child-death-overview-panels-contacts>

New focus on babies' and children's health as review launches (15/07/20)

A major new review into improving health outcomes in babies and young children has launched today.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-focus-on-babies-and-childrens-health-as-review-launches>

Child education and homelessness: 2020 update (13/08/20)

Annual update covering educational outcomes and homelessness for families and young people. It is likely that some education indicators will not be updated in 2020 because the COVID-19 pandemic has affected the collection and publication of source data. On the 26 March the DfE gave information about publications which are likely to be cancelled in 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/announcements/child-education-and-homelessness-2020-update>

COVID-19: guidance on supporting children and young people's mental health and wellbeing (04/08/20)

Advice for parents and carers on looking after the mental health and wellbeing of children or young people during the coronavirus outbreak.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-supporting-children-and-young-peoples-mental-health-and-wellbeing>

Cover of vaccination evaluated rapidly (COVER) programme: information standards (03/08/20)

Guidance for child health information system suppliers to output vaccine coverage data.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cover-of-vaccination-evaluated-rapidly-cover-programme-information-standards>



Flu vaccination for children: leaflets and posters (31/07/20)

Information and promotional resources to support the annual flu vaccination programme.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-leaflets-and-posters>

Flu vaccination in schools (24/07/20)

Flu vaccination guidance and resources for schools.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/flu-vaccination-in-schools>

Coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance on isolation for residential educational settings (20/07/20)

Guidance to support management of children and young people in residential educational settings, including boarding schools, residential special schools and children's social care.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-on-isolation-for-residential-educational-settings>

Routine childhood immunisation schedule (10/07/20)

Information for health professionals on childhood immunisations.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/routine-childhood-immunisation-schedule>

Modern slavery: how to identify and support victims (07/08/20)

Describes the signs that someone may be a victim of modern slavery, the support available to victims, and the process for determining whether someone is a victim.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/modern-slavery-how-to-identify-and-support-victims>

Multi-agency statutory guidance on female genital mutilation (30/07/20)

Multi-agency guidelines on FGM for those with statutory duties to safeguard children and vulnerable adults.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/multi-agency-statutory-guidance-on-female-genital-mutilation>

Government plan new changes to criminal records disclosure regime (09/07/20)

Youth cautions and multiple conviction rule to be removed from automatic disclosure.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-plan-new-changes-to-criminal-records-disclosure-regime>

Cafcass Public Law Data

Cafcass received 1,727 new public law cases in July 2020 featuring 2,733 children; this represents a decrease of 0.7% (13 public law cases) and a decrease of 5.2% on the 1,740 new public law cases received and the 2,883 children on those cases in July 2019.

<https://www.cafcass.gov.uk/about-cafcass/research-and-data/public-law-data/>

Cafcass Private Law Data

Cafcass received 4,613 new private law cases in July 2020 which is 8% more than the same period in 2019. These cases involved 7,021 children, which is 58% more children than July 2019.

<https://www.cafcass.gov.uk/about-cafcass/research-and-data/private-law-data/>

How DBS is supporting the fight against coronavirus (16/07/20)

A collection of factsheets, updated guidelines and news stories related to DBS and coronavirus.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-how-dbs-is-supporting-the-fight-against-coronavirus>

DBS update to ID checking (09/07/20)

Expired UK passports can now be used temporarily for ID checking purposes.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/further-update-to-id-checking-guidelines>

Independent Inquiry into CSA

Inquiry research finds most child sexual abuse survivors face barriers to accessing statutory, voluntary and private sector support services (13/08/20)

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse has published new research exploring the challenges faced by victims and survivors in accessing statutory, private and voluntary sector support services.

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news/inquiry-research-finds-most-child-sexual-abuse-survivors-face-barriers-accessing-statutory>

Inquiry's Truth Project to conclude in October 2021 (27/07/21)

The Inquiry is encouraging victims and survivors of child sexual abuse to share their experience with the Truth Project before its conclusion in October 2021.

Launched in 2015, the Truth Project provides a safe and supportive environment for survivors to share their accounts and put forward suggestions for change, in order to better protect children now and in the future.

<https://www.iicsa.org.uk/news/inquiries-truth-project-conclude-october-2021>

UKCIS Online Safety Audit Tool (10/08/20)

The UKCIS Online Safety Audit Tool is designed to help trainee teachers (ITTs) and newly qualified teachers (NQTs) better understand their role in keeping children safe online and their school's policy and practice. It offers opportunities for research as well as reflective questions to accompany ITTs' and NQTs' development as teachers.

The accompanying document, 'Guidance for ITT/NQT mentors: using the UKCIS Online Safety Audit Tool', helps ITTs and NQTs induct mentees and provide ongoing support, development and monitoring.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ukcis-online-safety-audit-tool>

£250,000 fund to support service children in schools across Wales (14/08/20)

Ahead of VJ day, the Education



Minister, Kirsty Williams has announced £250,000 to support service children in schools across Wales during 2020/21.

The funding helps schools provide additional support to children from families of Service personnel. The challenges can include the effects of moving from one school to another due to the location of the posting. It can also include the effects of parents or guardians in the Armed Forces being deployed away from home, either on operation or a long term training exercise.

<https://gov.wales/250000-fund-support-service-children-schools-across-wales>
£10m for buses as school transport guidance published (11/08/20)

The Welsh Government has announced an additional £10m to help the bus industry safely transport more passengers to school, college and work.

The Welsh Government has also updated its learner transport guidance so that LAs and bus operators are clear on the steps they must take to ensure that from September children and young people can travel safely to school and college.

The new academic term will see children and young people return to full time school or college for the first time since March. As a result there will be an increase in the number of children, young people and parents relying on bus services to safely transport them to their place of learning or work.

The additional £10m of Welsh Government funding is to help operators manage the increased pressure on scheduled bus services. It recognises that social distancing measures are resulting in reduced capacity and that this in turn is significantly affecting ticket revenue. The additional funding will enable operators to increase the number of buses available while also helping to cover costs associated with additional staffing, fuel and maintenance of the bus fleet.

<https://gov.wales/extra-10m-buses-school-transport-guidance-published>

Cafcass Cymru: Child Contact Centres, Working Together for Children (WT4C) and DNA testing as of 8 July 2020 (16/07/20)

Updates on child contact arrangements, Working Together for Children and DNA testing.

<https://gov.wales/cafcass-cymru-child-contact-centres-working-together-children-wt4c-and-dna-testing-8-july-2020>



Consultations

Amendments to school governance procedures (12/08/20)

We want your views on amendments to the regulations for school governing bodies.

We are consulting on changes which would:

- permit electronic record keeping and virtual meetings
- revoke an outdated disqualification criteria around the Mental Health Act 1988

Closing date 23rd September 2020

<https://gov.wales/amendments-school-governance-procedures>



Conferences

The Adult Safeguarding Conference 2020

29th September 2020 Online
£315 - £575 + VAT

With new duties placed on LAs by the Care Act 2014 and the introduction of Safeguarding Adults Boards it is essential that changes are consolidated and best practice is shared, particularly as we approach further change with the introduction of Liberty Protection Safeguards.

Exploring best practice from across the sector, assessing the OPG's 2019-2025 Safeguarding Strategy and taking into account the perspectives of LAs, healthcare professionals, housing providers and SAB leads, attendees will gain insights into the most up to date joined up, person centred approaches to adult safeguarding.

<https://www.governmentevents.co.uk/event/the-adult-safeguarding-conference-2020/>

The Preventing Child Sexual Exploitation Conference

9th February 2021 London
£315 - £575 + VAT

In recent years, cases of CSE have shocked the nation. As contexts in which children encounter risks grow, it is imperative that practitioners' 

understanding of these spaces adapts to and overcomes new and emerging risks.

The Crime Survey for England and Wales (2019) estimated that 7.5% of adults aged 18-74 years experienced sexual abuse before the age of 16 years.

In the UK alone, it is estimated there are 80,000 people who present a sexual threat to children online.

In the year ending March 2019, the police in England and Wales recorded 73,260 sexual offences where there are data to identify the victim was a child.

Join us at this annual event to receive an in-depth overview of the current and future challenges faced in preventing and tackling CSE. Practical case studies on leading initiatives will ensure that delegates leave the event fully briefed and educated on new strategies, which they can implement in their own organisations. Areas of discussion will focus on online harms, county lines and gangs, sexual exploitation, and trafficking.

<http://preventcse.co.uk/>

This newsletter collates information from various sources that is relevant to safeguarding children. Anyone working in this area who would like to be added to the circulation list can forward their details to – keithdriver@btinternet.com