

Template T1

KCSIE 2026 AI Gap Analysis Checklist

Pack 23: AI Safeguarding & KCSIE 2026 Compliance Pack | DEEP Education Network

⚠ PENDING FINAL GUIDANCE — JULY 2026 UPDATE INCLUDED

This checklist is built against the **KCSIE 2026 consultation draft** (consultation closes 22 April 2026). The five AI provisions addressed here are expected to be confirmed in the final edition. All statutory templates will receive a free update when the final KCSIE 2026 is published (anticipated July 2026). Where final wording differs, the intent and compliance obligations are unlikely to change. Schools should act now — do not wait for July.

🌐 International Schools — BSME, COBIS & CIS Members

While KCSIE 2026 is a statutory requirement for schools in England, **BSME and COBIS member schools are expected to meet KCSIE standards as a condition of inspection and quality mark**. BSME inspections reference KCSIE directly. CIS accreditation expects demonstrable KCSIE alignment. This checklist applies to you in full. The phrase 'statutory requirement' should be read as 'professional obligation and inspection standard' in your context.

Purpose

This checklist maps every KCSIE 2026 AI provision across five audit areas and **25 structured questions**. For each question, indicate current compliance status, confirm the priority rating, assign a named lead, set a deadline, and record evidence or planned actions. Transfer all gaps into the RAG Summary Action Plan on the final page. Present the completed checklist to your Headteacher and safeguarding governor as part of your September 2026 compliance assurance.

How to Use This Checklist

1. Run it as a team DSL + Deputy DSLs. Allow 60–90 minutes for a full review session.	2. Mark each question ☐ Yes (compliant) / ☐ Partial (in progress) / ☐ No (gap identified).	3. Check the priority Must Fix items must be resolved before 1 Sept 2026. Statutory requirement.	4. Complete the RAG Summary Transfer all Partial or No responses to the Action Plan on the final page.
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Must Fix Before September	Should Fix Before September	Best Practice
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Audit Questions — All Five KCSIE 2026 AI Provisions

Ref	Audit Question	Current Status	Priority	Lead	Deadline	Notes / Evidence
PART 1 Definitional Changes — AI-Generated Harmful Content						
1.1	Does your safeguarding policy's child-on-child abuse definition explicitly include AI-generated intimate images and deepfakes?	☐ Yes ☐ Partial ☐ No	Must Fix Before Sept			
1.2	Does your PSHE/RSE curriculum include content on deepfakes as a form of abuse?	☐ Yes ☐ Partial ☐ No	Should Fix Before Sept			
1.3	Do all staff know what a deepfake is and how to recognise one?	☐ Yes ☐ Partial ☐ No	Must Fix Before Sept			
1.4	Are AI-generated intimate images included in	☐ Yes ☐ Partial	Must Fix Before Sept			