

SAFEGUARDING ASSURED

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CSSA & Ofsted: a safeguarding crosswalk

One framework for religious life, one for education, mapped side by side. Whether you are measured against the CSSA National Safeguarding Standards or the Ofsted inspection framework (with Keeping Children Safe in Education), the same body of evidence can serve both.

CSSA Standard	Ofsted framework focus	KCSIE 2025
1. Leadership, governance & culture	Leadership and governance; safeguarding culture led from the top	Part 2, management of safeguarding
2. Communicating the message	Policies known and understood; clear reporting routes	Part 1, information for all staff
3. Caring for those harmed	How well learners are helped, protected, supported	Parts 1 & 5, supporting victims
4. Managing allegations & concerns	Identifying and responding; timely referrals; records	Part 1, plus the LADO
5. Supporting respondents	Managing allegations against staff; fair process	Part 4, low-level concerns about staff
6. Robust HR & safer recruitment	Safer recruitment; complete single central record	Part 3, safer recruitment
7. Training & support	Staff training and induction; DSL capacity	Parts 1 & 2, training
8. Quality assurance & improvement	Leadership oversight, monitoring, audit, scrutiny	Part 2, review and improvement

Remember: under Ofsted, safeguarding is judged met or not met, with no partial pass; under the CSSA, it is a RAG maturity judgement across all eight standards. Both demand leadership, safer recruitment, training, prompt response to concerns, and continuous improvement.

For the full alignment, audit and inspection readiness, or a conversation about your setting, get in touch at bvpermaul@gmail.com.