KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE IN EDUCATION 2026 ADDENDUM (issued 8th September 2026)

This addendum should be read alongside the Lumen Christi Catholic Multi Academy Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy 2026. It reflects amendments introduced through *Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026* and confirms our commitment to safeguarding children through inclusive, anti-discriminatory practice and compliance with statutory safeguarding requirements. Where this addendum differs from existing policy wording, the provisions of this addendum shall take precedence until the next full policy review.

KCSIE 2026 Change	Policy Section to Amend	Current Position in Policy	Required Amendment	Revised Wording
Prejudice-Based Harm (Para 17)	Part 1: Safeguarding Statement/Early Help and Safeguarding Principles	Policy references anti-discriminatory practice, racism and protected characteristics but does not explicitly define prejudice-based harm as a safeguarding concern in its own right.	Strengthening of safeguarding definition.	*Lumen Christi recognises that prejudice-based harm, including racism, faith-targeted abuse, antisemitism, Islamophobia and other forms of discrimination, may constitute a safeguarding concern in its own right. Such experiences can adversely affect a child's welfare, wellbeing, mental health, educational outcomes and willingness to seek help. All staff must recognise, record and respond to prejudice-based harm through safeguarding procedures where appropriate.*
Sexual Abuse Definition (Para 28)	Appendix A: Types of Abuse and Neglect (Sexual Abuse section)	Definition reflects previous wording of "forcing or enticing".	Updated to KCSIE 2026 terminology and statutory wording.	*Sexual abuse involves forcing, causing or inciting a child or young person to take part in sexual activities, whether or not the child is aware of what is happening. Children can be sexually abused within the family, an institutional or community setting and are more likely to know their abuser than not. Children under the age of 13 can never legally consent to sexual activity and sexual activity with a child under 16 may constitute a criminal offence regardless of apparent agreement.*

Faith-Targeted Abuse (Para 32)	Appendix A: Specific Safeguarding Issues or Safeguarding Culture and Ethos Section	References are dispersed throughout the policy but KCSIE wording is not explicitly reflected.	A specific safeguarding statement regarding impact on wellbeing and safety to be added	*Staff will recognise that racism, faith-targeted abuse and other forms of discriminatory behaviour may significantly affect a child's welfare, wellbeing and sense of safety. Such concerns will be assessed and responded to through safeguarding procedures where appropriate.*
Child-on-Child Abuse (Para 37)	Child-on-Child Abuse Section	Child-on-child abuse section refers to prejudice-based and discriminatory bullying but not explicitly racism or faith-targeted abuse.	Expanded definition.	*Child-on-child abuse may also include discriminatory behaviour, including racism, faith-targeted abuse and other prejudice-based incidents. Such behaviour may constitute a safeguarding concern and will be addressed through safeguarding, behaviour and anti-bullying procedures as appropriate.*
EYFS Volunteers (Para 386)	Safer Recruitment, Selection and Management of Volunteers	Requirement not currently stated explicitly.	Specific EYFS volunteer check requirement added	*Where a school operates provision subject to the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework, volunteers must not begin working within EYFS provision until the school has received and reviewed an enhanced DBS certificate, including barred list information, in accordance with KCSIE 2026.*
Volunteers and Regulated Activity (Crime and Policing Act 2026 Changes)	Safer Recruitment, Selection and Management of Volunteers	Limited reference to volunteer thresholds and regulated activity.	DBS and barred list requirements for volunteers clarified	*Lumen Christi will assess all volunteer roles to determine whether they constitute regulated activity. Where volunteers undertake teaching, training, instruction, care or supervision activities which meet the statutory definition of regulated activity, appropriate DBS and barred list checks will be completed before duties commence.*