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Artificial Intelligence (AI) Guidance Checklist

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – SCHOOLS COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

The objective of this guidance is to provide a framework for the implementation, adoption, integration and management of Artificial Intelligence tools and services.

SCHOOLS MUST:

- Assign a Digital Link role to a member of the Local Governing Body.
- Assign a member of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) to be the Digital Lead responsible for Digital Technology (including AI integration).
- Form an AI Evaluation Team including the Academy Data Protection Coordinator, Digital Lead, Teaching Staff, SENCO and IT Support
- Ensure that any AI tools are evaluated by the AI Evaluation Team before use to determine how they can/cannot be used.
- Mandate Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIAs) are carried out by the AI Evaluation team for AI systems and share these with the MAT DPO.
- Protect personal and special category data and ensure GDPR and Data Protection compliance.
- Adhere to KCSIE eSafeguarding and filter/monitor AI safeguarding risks including inappropriate content output, deepfakes, impersonation and harassment.
- Provide staff and student training and ensure a culture of safe AI use across the curriculum and for administrative purposes.

SCHOOLS MUST NOT:

- Use AI tools that are not approved or vetted by the AI Evaluation Team.
- Allow AI to replace direct instruction or teacher interaction.
- Rely on AI-generated content without human verification.
- Allow pupil access to AI tools without proper age-appropriate evaluation and content/moderation safeguards.
- Use free, public AI tools (ChatGPT, Gemini, Grok) for school purposes.
- Export data from AI tools to e-mail (unless this is the purpose of the specific AI tool and has been approved for use by the AI Evaluation Team).