

# Online Safety for Schools

## UK VAWG strategy developments (Dec 2025)

### Overall Government Aim

- Ambition to halve violence against women and girls within a decade and treat VAWG as a national emergency.



### Core Strategic & Legislative Measures

#### 1. New Cross-Government VAWG Strategy

- Launch of a **comprehensive, long-awaited VAWG strategy** addressing violence, abuse and misogyny across society (online and offline).



### Enhanced Police & Justice Response

- **Dedicated Rape & Sexual Offence Investigation Teams** in every police force by 2029.
- **Domestic Abuse Protection Orders** expanded:
  - Longer/stronger conditions, e.g., tagging, curfews, exclusion zones.
  - Breach becomes a **criminal offence** with up to 5 years' imprisonment.
- **Domestic abuse specialists embedded in 999 call centres** to prioritise specialist support from first contact.
- **Special police squads to target online abusers.**



### Education & Prevention

- **Healthy relationship & consent education** offered to every student in England; early intervention to challenge misogyny and prevent relationship abuse.
- **Anti-misogyny and behaviour change programmes** aimed at boys from age ~11 (pilots in schools).
- New **teen relationship abuse helpline** to support young people concerned about harmful behaviour.



## Technology & Online Safety

- **Action on tech-facilitated VAWG:**
    - Plans to tackle online abuse, stalking and harassment and harmful content.
    - Government pushing for **nudity-detecting / blocking tools on devices** to protect children from explicit content.
    - Crackdown on **deepfake abuse & AI nudification tools** as part of the strategy.
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## Support for Victims

- **£500m+ funding uplift** for local authorities to provide safe accommodation and support to domestic abuse victims and their children.
  - **NHS specialist referral pathways** to help survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence access timely care and trauma-informed support.
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## Cultural Change & Misogyny

- Strategy explicitly aims to **tackle misogyny, harmful attitudes and behaviours** as key drivers of VAWG — not just treat symptoms with criminal justice responses.
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## Perpetrator Management

- Requirements for **convicted sex offenders to notify police of social media/dating accounts** to assist monitoring and prevention (reported in summaries).
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## Cross-Agency & Specialist Collaboration

- Multi-agency focus on harder-to-reach crime types such as *'honour'-based abuse* with coordinated CPS, police and third-sector work.
  - Support for specialist training and understanding across justice system and law enforcement.
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## Child-Focused Work

- VAWG strategy includes actions against **technology-facilitated abuse affecting children**.



- Government linked separate actions to independent child sexual abuse inquiry recommendations (e.g. mandatory reporting, grooming sentencing enhancements and data improvements).


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## Summary in Short

**Prevention, justice, support, education, technology safeguards** and **cultural change** are the five pillars underpinning the current strategy Jess Phillips has outlined — backed by new laws, funding, policing reforms and a decade-long target.

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