









Child Safeguarding and Protection Resource Updates

The International Taskforce on Child Protection (ITFCP) and the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC) have published the following new and updated resources to support the work you do at your schools to safeguard children from abuse.

- 1. <u>ITFCP Protocol for Managing Allegations</u>, <u>updated September 2024</u>: Your roadmap to managing allegations of abuse against educators, school staff, and other adults in the community. The protocol and accompanying resources were reviewed and updated through the collaboration of dedicated Taskforce volunteers. Revisions include:
- a. Updated resources
- b. A new section focused on low-level concerns
- c. Updated advice on conducting an internal inquiry
- d. Advice and considerations for external referrals in high-risk jurisdictions
- e. Advice on consultations with Embassies/Consulates when referring allegations to international law enforcement agencies
- 2. <u>ITFCP Safer Recruitment Checklist, updated February 2024</u>: This checklist was also updated by Taskforce volunteers, including experts in the field of child safeguarding and school recruitment, hiring, and onboarding.
- 3. <u>Social-Emotional Learning & Child Self-Protection Curriculum Standards & Benchmarks</u>: Developed by CASEL, ICMEC, and a team of educators from international schools and organizations, with support from the US Office of Overseas Schools, this document provides guidance on developing an implementing an age-appropriate SEL and child safeguarding curriculum.
- 4. <u>ICMEC Safeguarding Action Plan 2024-2025</u>: This plan outlines the annual tasks that schools should complete to create and maintain a robust child safeguarding program, and provides resources to support implementation of each task.
- 5. <u>Guidance on Anonymous Reporting</u>: If your school does not yet have anonymous pathways in place for reporting concerns of harm or abuse, this guidance will help you to create anonymous reporting protocols that encourage a climate where all voices are heard.

