

Briefing Paper Generative
Artificial Intelligence (AI)
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Briefing Paper: Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Education

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1. Overview

The Department for Education has set out its position on the use of generative AI (e.g. ChatGPT, Copilot, Gemini) in education. AI can support **teaching, learning and administration**, but its use must be **ethical, safe, and legally compliant**.

Key Aims:

- Improve learning outcomes and reduce workload.
- Ensure accuracy, fairness, safeguarding and data protection.
- Build digital literacy among staff and learners.

2. Opportunities

- **Curriculum support:** Resource creation, lesson planning, personalised feedback.
- **Efficiency:** Drafting reports, summarising data, admin reduction.
- **Student engagement:** Teaching critical thinking and digital literacy.

3. Risks & Safeguarding

Risk	Control
Inaccurate or biased outputs	Staff must verify all AI content.
Data protection breaches	No personal/sensitive data in AI tools.
Misuse by students	Clear Acceptable Use & assessment guidance.
Safeguarding risks	Filtering, monitoring and incident reporting.

4. RedEverywhere Position

AI tools may only be used for approved educational or administrative purposes.

Staff must follow online safety, data protection and safeguarding policies.

All AI activity is subject to monitoring and risk review.

Students will only use AI in controlled curriculum settings.

DSL and IT will oversee filtering, monitoring and tool approvals.

5. Immediate Actions

Audit current AI use (staff & learners).

Update policies (AUP, Safeguarding, Online Safety).

Brief staff and deliver CPD on risks and opportunities.

Embed digital literacy and AI awareness in teaching.

Log & review all AI tool decisions.

6. Key Resources

- [DfE: Generative AI in Education](#)
- UK Council for Internet Safety Filtering & Monitoring Standards
- National Cyber Security Centre AI Safety Guidance

Contact: DSL / COO Administrator *This briefing must be read and understood by all staff. Training will follow in the next CPD session.*

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