

Safeguarding Bulletin – 12 November 2025

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Safeguarding in Schools



>> [Anti-Bullying Week 2025 – 10 to 14 November](#)

This week is Anti-Bullying Week with the theme: 'Power for Good', coordinated by the [Anti-Bullying Alliance](#).

Southwark training opportunities

>> [Next Safeguarding in Schools FREE webinar: 'Supporting You to Support Young People'](#)

The next session in the Safeguarding in Schools webinar series will be taking place on Tuesday 25 November 12.30pm to 1.30pm on the topic of 'Supporting You to Support Young People: A Trauma Informed Approach' by The Nest, Groundwork. Join this webinar to learn more about understanding and responding to young people's mental health needs, while caring for yourself/your school staff.

>> [Next Schools Safeguarding Forum – Thursday 4 December, 9.30am to 12.30pm](#)

Next Schools Safeguarding Forum will take place on 4 December 2025, 9.30am to 12.30pm at Southwark Council's Tooley Street Office. The Forum aims to keep schools/educational settings up to date with local and national changes and give access to best practice and resources. It is open to all designated and deputy designated safeguarding leads, senior leaders, chairs of governors and/or nominated lead governors for safeguarding in all types of Southwark schools and educational settings. It is also an opportunity to meet and network with other DSLs and DDSs. Please make a note of this date and ensure that at least one member of your safeguarding team attends this session. You do not need to register or book in advance and can join the session on the day. Further details about the agenda to follow.

Southwark news

>> [Share your views about planned changes to DSL/DDSL training](#)

You may be aware that Southwark's DSL/DDSL training is currently delivered by external trainers. From the Summer Term, this training will begin to be delivered in-house by the Safeguarding in Schools team, with input from other Southwark teams and services as well as from partner agencies. We want to ensure the new training works for schools and provides the right foundation for the DSL/DDSL roles. Share your views about what the new training should look like or contact Emma to discuss further: emma.geiringer@southwark.gov.uk.

[Information about training currently available to schools](#) can be found on [Southwark's Education website](#).

>> [Free healthy secondary school meals scheme](#)

Southwark Council offers free healthy secondary school meals for those who get Universal Credit, and who are not currently eligible for government benefits related free school meals. You may want to share the information with relevant parents. They need to contact the child's school to apply.

>> [Free fruit and veg vouchers for families with young children](#)

The Rose Vouchers for Fruit & Veg Project helps families on low incomes to buy fresh fruit and vegetables and supports them to give their children the healthiest possible start. The project is for pregnant women and families with young children who live in Southwark. Pregnant women or families with children aged under the age of five (until 31 August) may be eligible for vouchers if they get Universal Credit, Healthy Start, are on a low/no income or have no recourse to public funds (NRPF) for example as a refugee or asylum seeker. You may want to [Download Rose Vouchers Flyer](#) to display.

>> [Operation Encompass](#)

Op Encompass is a process whereby after a domestic violence incident where police have attended, that has happened within a day prior to a school day and the child was present, police send a notification to the school so that the school can be aware and offer support if required. For further information go to [Operation Encompass website](#). Please also note the recently published statutory guidance [Duty on police forces in England and Wales to notify education establishments of domestic abuse incidents: Operation Encompass](#).

In Southwark, if you don't know if your school has already signed up or know that it has not and wish to sign up, please contact:

Christopher.Odell@met.police.uk PC2732AS, or

MD-BoroughPublicProtectionDesk@met.police.uk Southwark Police MASH MD.

Other news

>> [NSPCC's updated Speak out Stay safe resources](#)

Speak out Stay safe is a safeguarding programme that aims to equip a generation of children with the knowledge they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect. It provides resources for primary schools, home educators and practitioners in alternative provisions to help children aged 5 to 11 years. The updates include: new toolkits for home educators and practitioners in alternative provisions; supplementary lesson plans to follow the existing programme for primary schools; and follow-up lesson plans for pupils who have additional needs.

>> [Updated 'How Ofsted looks at AI during inspection and regulation' guidance](#)

Ofsted has set out how inspectors will consider artificial intelligence in schools and care settings. They do not look at AI as a stand-alone part of inspections, and do not directly evaluate the use of AI, nor of any AI tool. However, inspectors can consider the impact that the use of AI has on the outcomes and experiences of children and learners.