

Safeguarding Bulletin – 19 November 2025

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Safeguarding in Schools



Hello

from Southwark's Safeguarding in Schools Team

Don't miss out! Wellbeing webinar

You can still sign up to the next Safeguarding in Schools Webinar to learn about a trauma informed approach to mental health and staff wellbeing - or [join the session directly on the day: Tuesday 25 November 12.30pm to 1.30pm.](#)

Southwark training opportunities

>> 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 **to hear updates from social care services, to reflect with safeguarding colleagues and share best practice.** 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.

>> Online training from Southwark Virtual School: Trauma informed support of looked after children in school settings – a clinician's insights – 25 November 3.30pm to 5.00 pm

Training for Designated Teachers for Looked After Children about understanding the implications of disrupted relationships and precarity for learning and what can be done to help.

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](#).

>> Southwark School Immunisation Update

The Southwark Immunisation Team is currently delivering the seasonal influenza vaccination programme for:

- Primary school children (Reception to Year 6)
- Secondary school children (Year 7 to Year 11)

Routine vaccination uptake has declined, and London currently has the lowest vaccination rates in England, increasing the risk of flu outbreaks among children and young people. The influenza programme will end on 12 December 2025, so the immunisation team is asking for your support in this final push to improve uptake. To ensure all eligible pupils are offered the influenza vaccine, the immunisation team requires a class list for each year group if this has not already been provided.

How schools can help:

- Resend the e-consent link to parents/carers using your usual communication channels (for example, school app, ParentMail, SMS, website).
- For families experiencing digital access issues, parents/carers can complete e-consent by contacting the immunisation team:

Phone: 020 8614 5496
Email: KRFT.Southwarkimms@nhs.net (secure)

Other training opportunities

>> Free online training sessions before Christmas from the London Safeguarding Children Partnership (LSCP)

Some free online training sessions before Christmas from LSCP that may be of interest.

>> Unpacking Adultification Bias Course – Tuesday 2 December

As the designated and deputy designated safeguarding leads who attended our training courses know, the independent trainer and consultant Catherine Rushforth facilitates training for us. Catherine's training and consultancy company Catherine Rushforth and Associates is running in person Unpacking Adultification Bias Course on Tuesday 2 December, 9.30am to 4.30pm that may be of interest. The course is designed to inform, empower and mobilise practitioners and managers across a range of children's services. It is focused on recognising and naming Adultification Bias; understanding how harmful it is to the self-esteem, confidence and protection of brown, black and poor children; assuming professional responsibility to take action in preventing it – in line with safeguarding duties outlined in the current London Child Protection Procedures, Keeping Children Safe in Education 2025 and the Equality Act 2010. Please note that there is a fee for this course.

Find out more about support from [Southwark's Safeguarding in Schools Team](#)

For safeguarding resources and training information visit [Safeguarding in Education](#)