

Safeguarding Bulletin – 17 December 2025

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This is the last bulletin of term. Season's Greetings to everyone from Safeguarding in Schools Team. Wishing you all a well-deserved good break.

>> [Southwark Safeguarding Partnership Winter 2025 Newsletter](#)

The Partnership's Winter 2025 newsletter states:

"In this edition, we're shining a light on some key areas: Neglect, child sexual abuse, domestic abuse, homelessness, and managing complexity, as well as the latest social work reforms. These issues reflect the challenges our residents face, and together we can strengthen early intervention, coordination, and accountability.

Please take a few minutes to explore the resources and updates in this newsletter. Share them with your teams, start conversations, and let us know what's working and where we can do more. Your feedback and collaboration are vital."

Southwark news

>> [Rolling out School Streets across Southwark](#)

Southwark Council is accelerating the roll-out of School Streets to create safer, healthier journeys for children across the borough. These timed closures reduce congestion and air pollution outside schools, encouraging parents and pupils to walk, cycle, scoot or use other greener ways to get to school.

>> South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisations

The South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisation Service (CYPCIS) deliver all school-age immunisations across south London including Southwark. Immunisations nurses provide support and advice on school age immunisations and will be able to direct to further information so parents and children can make an informed choice about planned vaccinations.

Other news

>> Children in need: a focus on child sexual abuse and exploitation

The Department for Education published a document that analyses the characteristics of children whose social care assessments recorded that they had been affected by child sexual abuse or sexual exploitation. It also analyses those children's journeys through social care, makes comparisons to police recorded crime data and analyses serious incident notifications data. It was commissioned in response to the [national audit on group-based child sexual exploitation and abuse](#).

>> Inspections and beyond: supporting staff mental health and wellbeing

As Ofsted begins inspections under its new framework, [The UK charity Education Support](#) put together a practical toolkit to help manage stress, build resilience, and support wellbeing before, during, and after inspections. It includes tools, expert tips, and guidance for a healthier school culture.

>> Parents guide to help keep children safe online during Christmas

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. This guide by [Skips Educational](#) is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games. You may want to share it with your parents/carers.

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