

## Safeguarding Bulletin – 25 March 2026

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# Safeguarding bulletin



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from Southwark's Safeguarding in Schools Team

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This is the last bulletin of term. The Safeguarding in Schools Team wishes you all a well-deserved good Easter break.

## Southwark training opportunities

>> Looking for learning?

### Southwark Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP) courses

SSCP offers multi agency safeguarding courses on different safeguarding topics. These courses also provide a good opportunity to meet and share experiences with professionals from other partner agencies such as Children's Social Care, Health, Police, etc. These courses can be accessed and places can be booked on Southwark's training website My Learning Source via [Southwark Safeguarding Children Partnership Courses](#).

## Southwark news

## >> Support when referring to Southwark MASH

This is a reminder of Southwark's '[Child exploitation risk and vulnerability checklist tool for professionals](#)' which can be used alongside MASH referrals when there are concerns about exploitation to collate information, help determine the level of risk, and plan next steps. [The checklist tool can be accessed alongside the MASH referral page](#). On this page you can also find our best practice guidance for partner agencies / professionals to use when responding to safeguarding concerns and making referrals.

## >> Southwark Youth and Play Service's Easter Programme 2026

Southwark's Easter Youth Programme is now live and open for sign-ups. Young people can register by visiting any of the three Southwark youth provisions and requesting a registration form. The programme is free to attend and open to young people aged 11 to 19, or up to 25 with SEND, who live, attend school/college, or work in the borough. Young people will need to sign up in advance to take part, and your support in promoting this opportunity to young people and families who may benefit will be appreciated. The Easter programme includes a range of fun, engaging, and supportive activities, workshops, and trips taking place across our three youth provisions during the holiday period.

- [Brandon Youth Centre Refurb Easter Programme 2026](#)
- [Damilola Taylor Youth Centre Easter Programme April 2026](#)
- [New Venture Easter Programme 2026](#)

## Other news

### >> [How Ofsted is putting children known to social care at the heart of education inspections](#)

Children in care are among the most vulnerable in our society. Too often they face significant challenges that can make success harder to achieve. Yet we also know how transformative the right support can be. When schools and colleges get it right, children in care can thrive and reach their potential. A new post, "How Ofsted is putting children known to social care at the heart of education inspections" has just been published on the Ofsted: education blog.

### >> [Improving the attendance of children with a social worker](#)

The Department for Education (DfE) has published new guidance looking at how social workers and other practitioners can help improve the school attendance of children with a social worker in England. The guidance looks at some causes and effects of school absence and how social workers are well placed to identify concerns early and collaborate with schools and local authority teams. The

guidance also sets out how practice supervisors and senior leaders can work with schools to promote attendance and virtual school heads to tackle barriers.

For further support around school attendance in Southwark, the Education Inclusion Team can be contacted on 0207 525 2714 or by email [Earlyhelp@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:Earlyhelp@southwark.gov.uk).

Southwark Virtual School Children in Need (CIN) Coordinator Kate Bainbridge ([katherine.bainbridge@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:katherine.bainbridge@southwark.gov.uk), 020 7525 2387 / 07731 991556) supports schools in addressing the needs of Children with a Social Worker.

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