

Safeguarding Bulletin – 10 June 2026

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Hello

from Southwark's Safeguarding in Schools Team

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in Schools**

**Your invite:
Schools Safeguarding Forum**

 Thursday 2 July 2026

 9.00am to 12.30pm

 Southwark Council Office
160 Tooley Street SE1 2QH

*Light continental breakfast
will be available*

REMINDER

The next Schools Safeguarding Forum will take place on Thursday 2 July 2026, 9.00am to 12.30pm at Southwark Council's Tooley Street office.

This week is your last chance to [complete the short survey about what's working well and the challenges of partnership working](#). Your feedback will be used to ensure the information delivered on the day is directly relevant to your experiences and needs. **Please complete the survey by 12 June.**

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 DDSLs. Please make a note of this date and ensure that at least one member of your school's/setting's safeguarding team attends this session to hear updates from Social Care, the Police and other Southwark services, to reflect with safeguarding colleagues and share best practice.

You do not need to register or book in advance - just turn up on the day!

If you have any queries or require further information please contact: Apo.Cagirici@southwark.gov.uk

Southwark training opportunities

>> [Free cycle training for families in Southwark](#)

UpCycle LDN works in partnership with Southwark Council to deliver free cycle training for people who live, work, or study in the borough. The sessions are designed for families and take place in Burgess Park, providing a safe and supportive environment to learn, build confidence, and progress cycling skills. Bikes and helmets are available to borrow or bring your own.

Southwark news

>> [Guidance for escalations within Southwark Social Care](#)

Effective partnership working is rooted in clear communication and professional curiosity which at times requires challenge. When escalation is required, you are encouraged to speak with the Team Manager in the first instance, or, if needed, the Service Manager. They will be best placed to support reflection around decisions made and contribute to establishing next steps. [The full escalation policy and procedure can be found on Southwark's Safeguarding Children Partnership website.](#)

>> [Call for Podcast Contributors – Professional Civility Series](#)

Southwark Safeguarding Children Partnership and Lambeth Safeguarding Children Partnership are working together to develop a new programme of e-learning, training sessions, and podcasts. As part of this collaboration, they are launching a podcast series titled: **“Professional Civility – Working Well Together with Kindness.”**

This series aims to explore how they can strengthen professional relationships, communicate effectively, and support one another in safeguarding work. **They are looking for colleagues who would be interested in contributing their perspectives and experiences.** The first podcasts will explore:

- 📻 **Podcast 1: “The Power of Disagreement”**: Exploring the value of healthy professional challenge, constructive disagreement, and appropriate escalation in safeguarding.
- 📻 **Podcast 2: “The Online Meeting Effect”**: Reflecting on the benefits and challenges of virtual meetings and how to engage with courtesy, clarity, and kindness.
- 📻 **Podcast 3: “When Stress Speaks”**: Considering how stress, frustration, or feeling stuck can influence communication—and how we can respond more thoughtfully and supportively.

There will be a total of **10 podcasts** in the series, offering a great opportunity to share learning, reflect on practice, and contribute to improving how we work together across services. **They would love to hear from you if you’re interested in being involved.** Please contact **Ja’net Cousins** (janet.cousins@southwark.gov.uk). Ja’net can provide more information and talk through what’s involved.

Other news

>> **Open call for evidence: Screen use by children aged 5 to 16**

The DfE’s call for evidence invites research on screen use among children aged 5 to 16. It aims to gather robust evidence on impacts across health, development, wellbeing, behaviour and learning, including differences by age, usage patterns and types of activity. Findings will inform new government guidance for parents and shape future policy on screen use in schools. It will also help to support effective, safe and beneficial use of digital technology by children and young people. This call for evidence closes on 29 June 2026.

>> **A new support hub has launched delivering tailored, trauma-informed care for victims and survivors of terrorism**

Delivered by Victim Support, working in partnership with Peace Collective and the National Psychology Service for Victims and Survivors of Terrorism, the Support Hub brings together specialist expertise under one coordinated service. The Support Hub offers support and guidance for, amongst others, children and young people affected by a terrorist attack and parents, guardians and carers supporting a child or young person. Anyone can visit the support hub at [Support Hub for Victims of Terrorism](#) or by contacting their free helpline on 08 08 16 89 111.

>> **The React Network: a network for practitioners and academics of racialised heritages and/or religions who are focused on addressing child sexual abuse**

The term 'racialised heritages and/or religions' refers to society assigning racial meaning, assumptions or stereotypes based on perceived ethnic, cultural or religious identity. The 2024 report [Child sexual abuse of African, Asian and Caribbean heritage children: a knowledge review](#) identified barriers to effective support for children and adult survivors of child sexual abuse, especially for racialised heritages and/or religions. The [Centre of expertise on child sexual abuse \(CSA Centre\)](#) established the React Network which brings together more than 100 practitioners and academics of racialised heritages and/or religions to enhance understanding, address barriers and share best practices for supporting those affected by sexual abuse. You can [find details and register to join the React Network's next quarterly meeting](#) which will be on Wednesday 1 July, 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

>> **Schols wanted: join the MindWorks research study**

The MindWorks project, launching in Autumn 2026, aims to develop and evaluate a new school-based programme designed to support young people aged 11 to 16 who may be at risk of school exclusion. Delivered by [Anna Freud](#) in partnership with the Ending Youth Violence Lab and the Youth Endowment Fund, MindWorks aims to provide young people with tools to better manage their emotions and behaviour, with the support of a link-teacher and a family member. The programme runs for one school term and is delivered in school by an Anna Freud wellbeing practitioner. They are looking for 30 secondary schools (Mainstream and Alternative Provision) in Greater London to take part. Eligible schools should have at least 25 pupils who may fit this profile. All participating schools will receive £500 in financial recognition. Schools not allocated to the programme can also receive free, high-quality CPD training.

>> **Capa First Response CIC working with families affected by child-to-parent aggression**

Child-to-Parent Aggression and Violence (CAPA, sometimes referred to as CAPVA) describes a pattern in which a child or young person uses physically or emotionally harmful behaviour towards a parent or caregiver in the home. Research has shown that at least 40% of parents or carers who experienced violence from their children chose not to report it, often due to shame and fear of criminalisation. [Respect](#) found that CAPVA featured in between 21 and 27% of youth offending caseloads and accounted for between 64 and 67% of police domestic abuse incidents involving suspects under 18. Capa First Response CIC supports families affected by child-to-parent aggression (for children up to 18 or 25 with SEND, including undiagnosed) by seeking to understand the reasons behind the behaviour through a non-blaming, relational approach.

Other training opportunities

>> Free Learn and Explore Online (LEO) training

Parent Zone is teaming up with Google to deliver Learn and Explore Online (LEO) training which equips professionals with the knowledge to support parents use safety tools with their children. Professionals that work with families can join one of their free upcoming virtual training sessions to learn what Google safety tools are available, understand how they work and how to set them up, and develop strategies to help parents adopt safety tools.

>> Free online and in-person workshops and events for SGO, CAO and informal kinship carers

Free online and in-person workshops and events are available from [Kinship](#) for special guardianship orders (SGO), child arrangements orders (CAO) and informal kinship carers which cover a range of topics including:

- [Education, health and care plans \(EHCPs\) and SEND processes](#) - next event Thursday 18 June
- [Financial support for kinship families](#) - next event Monday 29 June
- [Understanding how to keep children in kinship care safe online](#) - next event Tuesday 30 June.

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