

# Safeguarding In Schools

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## Safeguarding Briefing - 2nd September 2024

### Welcome back!

Whether you've travelled far and wide or stayed near home, I hope you are all well and have been able to choose what you want to do. Although, I know some school staff are already back (and even some children), for most today will be the start of the new academic year. Such an exciting time. I love the thought of the new and of the future, the smell of fresh paint and the falling conkers. I don't know if it's because I'm a September baby, but I just love the changeover to autumn.

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### Keeping Children Safe in Education for September 2024

At the time of writing the updated version of KCSIE for September 2024 has not been published. Typically this is released around lunchtime on the first working day in September. Between the publication of the 'for information' version in May and now, a new government has come into power of course. This may mean that the 'for information' version could have changed, not least as there were two distinct topics that were being reviewed by the previous government: gender questioning children; and information around the Prevent Duty and Extremism. I will keep you updated.

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### Safeguarding Policy CHEAT Sheet September 2024

I have now updated the annual safeguarding policy 'cheat sheet' which is available inside [Safeguarding.Pro](#). As you will know, I don't have a model policy because I think that there are so many variables for the content, and, perhaps most importantly, I think it should reflect the school's ethos and 'voice' For example, what do you call the children and young people in your school? Children, pupils, young people, students, learners...

Instead of producing a model policy, I create this cheat sheet of the content that should be included.

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## **Prevent Duty - Virtual training sessions (DfE)**

The Department for Education (DfE) regional Prevent coordinators (RPEC) support and improve Prevent delivery in each region of England. Their role includes implementing Prevent duty responsibilities across schools, further education (FE) and higher education (HE) settings.

The RPECs offer large, virtual training sessions that are available to anyone working within an education setting in England. They focus on the implementation of Prevent and are designed primarily for those in dedicated safeguarding or Prevent roles.

### **Prevent in education: virtual training for Designated Safeguarding Leads**

This online training package has been designed by DfE for designated safeguarding leads to understand their responsibilities and the importance of the Prevent duty. There is a separate training for governors and trustees.

There are six online training sessions between now and January 2025. You find out more, and book a place on the training here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/regional-prevent-education-coordinators#virtual-training-sessions>

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## **Speaking to children and young people about violent disorder and the Southport attack (DfE)**

On Friday, 30th August 2024, the government published a post on The Education Hub blog. The article started:

"The horrific attack in Southport on 29 July 2024 and the violent disorder in its aftermath, have caused grave concern across the country.

"Following the attack, rioting coordinated by right-wing extremists was initiated by the spread of misinformation about the perpetrator of the Southport attack, resulting in violent, racist and Islamophobic attacks on our communities by extremists.

"We understand that such events are likely to spark conversations in schools, colleges and universities, and will have an impact on pupils and

students, including those who may have family and friends who have been affected. Guidance is available to help teachers, ...

You can read the rest of the article

here: <https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/08/30/speaking-children-young-people-about-violent-disorder-southport-attack/>

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## **Safeguarding CPD Matrix September 2024**

I have updated the CPD Matrix. This matrix lists all the statutory training topics that staff need to be aware of. As KCSIE was not updated extensively this year, there are fewer changes to the training programme than usual. Although this is the required training, it will of course need to be supplemented with your own local risks and harms. Content will also vary depending on the experience of staff and, what I refer to as the 'safeguarding maturity' of the organisation (in other words how experienced the staff are when looked at as a whole).

It is intended that the matrix will help you to build a CPD programme over a period of time (I suggest two years) outlining where and when the different safeguarding topics will fall. Some topics will be covered frequently; others perhaps less so, depending on the issues for your school.

I think that it is helpful to mix up the type of CPD event, for example, whole school staff in the hall, online, a twilight session for staff in a particular key stage or subject area. The CPD Matrix will help you to plan this out.

### **Download the matrix**

You can download a pdf version of the latest edition of the Safeguarding CPD Matrix September 2024 here: <https://6282.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/CPD+Matrix+September+2024.pdf>

Safeguarding.Pro members can find an editable excel spreadsheet version of the CPD Matrix in your account page, under [Resources and Tools](#)

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## **Mental health and wellbeing calendar - Autumn Term 2024 (Anna Freud Mentally Healthy Schools)**

Anna Freud's Mentally Healthy Schools team have produced a useful calendar looking at mental health and well-being for next term. Whilst

there are links to helpful information across a variety of topics, the first set are all related to transistions and new starts.

You can find the calendar

here: <https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/resources/mental-health-and-wellbeing-calendar-autumn-term-2024/>

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## **Safeguarding Handbook September 2024**

The new Safeguarding Handbook will be hopefully be available later next week. I usually wait until the actual Keeping Children Safe in Education has been published, so that any new references, guidance or changes to paragraph numbers can be included. You buy your copy by clicking on the link below:

<https://checkout.safeguardingschools.co.uk/sh2024>

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## **Safeguarding.Pro - integrate online safeguarding presentations into your CPD programme**

In the past, it wasn't easy to share the content in Safeguarding.Pro as it was designed for only one user. Today of course DSLs often manage a small team who also need access to the ongoing learning and resources inside Safeguarding.Pro.

That's why I've now upgraded to a new platform which will allow DSLs to share content and to track their team's online learning. There is a [Safeguarding.Pro plan](#) for every size of team from 5 to 250.

### **Courses currently available include:**

- Safeguarding Annual Refresher
- Safeguarding Induction for new staff
- Safeguarding for Governance
- An Introduction to Cyber-security
- Keeping Children Safe in Education 2024

*Courses will be updated when necessary and others will be added over time.*

## **Example use cases for Safeguarding.Pro**

- It will now be possible for schools to ask agency staff to view a safeguarding video (and evidence that they have) before working in the school.

- As new staff or governors join the school, you will be able to offer them online training at induction.
- Online safeguarding CPD can be offered at different times for staff in different roles to make planning CPD easier

## How to order Safeguarding.Pro

Simply go to: <https://safeguardingcpd.co.uk/plans/accounts/>

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## Advanced Safeguarding for DSLs

*"I just wanted to say that I thought today's training was absolutely fantastic. By a mile it was the most engaging training I have done."*

## Next live online course - 12th September 2024

Thursday 12th September 2024 [Book here](#)

The on-demand course is always available and is updated after each live session [Book Online](#)

## Live in-person, in London - 4th October 2024

Advanced Safeguarding for DSLs' Course on Friday 4th October 2024  
LONDON [Book here](#)

## Other available online courses include:

- Whole School Safeguarding Course for September 2024 (2 hours of content plus a break)

## Online courses - Safeguarding.Pro

All our other courses are now available in [Safeguarding.Pro](https://safeguarding.pro/) These courses can be accessed for a full year.

Current courses include:

- Safeguarding Refresher
- An Introduction to Cybersecurity
- Safeguarding for Governance
- Safeguarding Induction for new staff

For further details, go to: <https://safeguarding.pro/>

Until next time, keep safe,

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