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Important Updates and Information

Safeguarding SLA for 25/26

We are pleased to confirm that the Safeguarding SLA for 25/26 is now available to purchase via eStore. To download the latest Education Services Directory and see exactly what our SLA covers, visit our [Support Services website and click on the Education Services Directory 25/26 button](#)

For 25/26 year we have some **incredible** discounts available:

- if you have continuously bought into the Safeguarding SLA for the last 4 years (since September 2021) then get a 10% discount: OR
- if you bought into the SLA for 3 consecutive years (aka didn't buy 24/25) then if you buy back in 2025 -2026 you get 5% discount: OR
- if you are completely new to buying the Safeguarding SLA (never bought back in previous years) – 3.5% discount.

All discounts are applied once the order has been purchased via eStore.

DSL forums and Prevent: Threats in Worcestershire

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The Bitesize workshop on 02 July, is specifically for DSL and Deputy DSL's. During the 45 minutes Jim will provide information that will support you in your role in identifying and reporting, with an opportunity to discuss and ask questions, and look at case studies.

- 02 July 2025, 9am to 9.45am, Virtual delivery, course code: 10604 and free to attend.

To attend this bitesize workshop:

- Book via CPD using your school CPD leader login details
- CPD - <https://capublic.worcestershire.gov.uk/LearnCPD/CoursesSearch.aspx>
- Search CPD Code 10604
- Confirmations will include all MS teams links.

Family Support Worker network meeting

Hayley Doyle Area Safeguarding Officer leads on the school employed family support worker network meetings. These run ever half term via MS teams.

We have a range of guest speakers with local information in support of children and young people and their families. Attending these sessions is also a good CPD opportunity for FSW.

If you have a school family support worker or similar role, and they would like to become involved with the Family Support Worker network meetings then please contact Hayley, hdoyle@worcestershire.gov.uk

Steer Clear

Steer Clear, The Children's Society, are keen to understand your experience of the service so we know what is working well and what can be developed.

Please take a moment to fill out the survey <https://forms.office.com/e/ZHUVZHNNbC>

WSCP: June newsletter

The June WSCP newsletter is available from: [Worcestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership - June 2025](#)

Resources

Stop Loan Sharks Week

Did you know Stop Loan Sharks Week is taking place from May 19th to May 25th, and the powerful theme this year is "We're here whenever you're ready."

This message is about offering support and raising awareness and to help you get involved, there is a range of engaging materials you can use across your channels.

Schools can access the full Social Media Toolkit and resources here:

- Download from our website [Social Media Toolkit - Stop Loan Sharks](#)
- Or directly from Google Drive - https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1l6EfHnNE5wqCmmKu5P3STjOjFgw636xu?usp=drive_link

Working together to safeguard children: illustrated guide

Fort Royal Community Primary School, Worcester has made the Safeguarding Team aware of the Working together to safeguard children: an illustrated guide for children, young people and their families available from the Gov.uk website. The school have found it a lovely resource to explain support for children and families

- [Statutory Guidance, illustrated guide - Working Together Guidance](#)

Steer Clear: knife crime awareness week

On the Steer Clear website, [childrenssociety.org.uk/sites/default/files/2025-03/Steer Clear workbook.pdf](https://childrenssociety.org.uk/sites/default/files/2025-03/Steer%20Clear%20Workbook.pdf) there is a link to a workbook that can be downloaded as a PDF for professionals to use.

Cranstoun: Empowering People, Empowering Change

Cranstoun supports people affected by a loved one's drinking or drug use in Worcestershire.

We would be grateful if DSL / Deputy DSL's could share the following posters around their staff team

- [Cranstoun Family Support Flyer](#)
- [Cranstoun Here4YOUth flyer](#)

Kooth

Kooth are delivering webinars in July for parents and carers around online safety for their children via smartphones. Please share the following link with your parent / carers.

[Helping young people stay safe on smartphones and online](#)

Safeguarding Training and Events

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Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) training

Aims and objectives:

- For Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL), designed to **refresh and update** knowledge on the early help and child protection procedures.
- To understand DSL roles and responsibilities
- To understand how and when to make a referral to Family Front Door (FFD)
- To be confident when to share/not share and/or seek advice about information sharing.
- To be confident in undertaking an Early Help Assessment

Cost: Free to schools who have purchased the Education Safeguarding Support SLA. If schools have not purchased the Safeguarding Support SLA then the price is £93 + VAT.

Date	Time		CPD course code	CPD session code
18 June 2025	9am to 4pm	Worcester	10481	85050

Date	Time		CPD course code	CPD session code
27 June 2025	9am to 4pm	Redditch	10481	85051
04 July 2025	9am to 4pm	Wyre Forest	10481	85052
09 July 2025	9am to 4pm	Worcester	10481	85053
15 July 2025	9am to 4pm	Virtual Delivery	10481	85054

Early years and childcare designated safeguarding lead (DSL) training

This training is specifically for the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Deputy DSL or those who are looking to become the DSL / Deputy DSL in early years and childcare settings across Worcestershire. The training has been devised to support DSL's who are new to the role, experienced and extremely experienced.

Content is updated regularly and includes a detailed look at signs and symptoms, legislation, guidance and responsibilities, record keeping, making referrals, multi-agency working, child protection meetings, serious case reviews, and exploring barriers to good practice.

Cost: £50 + VAT

Cost: Free for schools who have the Safeguarding SLA for 24/25 academic year

- 09 and 16 July 2025, 6.30pm to 9.30pm, virtual delivery, course code: 10052 / 91256

How to book

Bookings for any training offered via the Safeguarding SLA 24/25, and not otherwise indicated, need to be booked via CPD <https://capublic.worcestershire.gov.uk/LearnCPD/CoursesSearch.aspx>.

Each School has a CPD Leader login, this must be used to make the bookings and will generally be held by the Head / Deputy Head or SLT, Office /Business or Finance Managers.

Confirmations are issued immediately and go to the delegate email provided at the point of booking, please ensure that you check junk / spam folders for the email.

Public Health training

WCC's Public Health team offer a range of training to schools, all are bookable via our CPD site (please refer to the section on how to book above for support)

- [Applying the mental health policy template to your school, 01 July, 4pm to 5pm, virtual delivery](#)
- [Introducing the 6-week Trauma-Informed Parents' Journey in your school - how to get involved, a 30-minute session on 30 June from 4pm to 4.30pm](#)
- Asthma Management in Schools – introduction to the new guidance (due summer 2025) webinar
 - [22 September, 3.30pm to 4.30pm](#)
 - [03 October 9.15am to 10.15am, virtual delivery](#)

- [Including breastfeeding learning in your PSHE curriculum: webinar for secondary schools - why and how? 18 June, 3.45pm to 4.30pm, virtual delivery](#)

Emotional wellbeing Teaching resource project

- Specifically for first and primary schools to join
- Part of our [Our Skills for Life programmes](#)
- Particularly suitable schools without a WEST team, not TI trained and without a whole school teaching programme on emotional wellbeing.
- Our first training session for this is 24th June.
- Public Health fund the 1st years access to the electronic teaching resources (224 x 45mins lessons up to Year 4 and then 18 x 45 min lessons in Y5 & 6) and we also fund training for up to 6 staff from each school.
- For further information contact Clare Charlton on 01905 846881 or email CCharlton@worcestershire.gov.uk

WCC Learning & Development training

GET SAFE training

Safeguarding Children, young people and vulnerable adults is everybody's responsibility. This raising awareness of exploitation & vulnerability course aims to raise your awareness of: Vulnerability, adverse childhood experiences, organised crime groups/gangs; Modern day slavery, consent for sexual activity; Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), criminal exploitation; Appropriate language and use of; National referral mechanism; GDPR/disclosure and Pathways/ diversionary/sharing of intelligence.

Cost: Free to all schools, DSL and DDSLs to attend

Reducing Parental Conflict

Harmony at Home is Worcestershire's approach to the Reducing Parental Conflict (RPC) initiative in partnership with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) and organisations from our multi-agency Reference group.

- Cost: free to all Schools / DSL and DDSL's

Providing Early Help in Worcestershire Workshops

This session will cover the four areas:

- What is Early Help?
- How to creatively gather the child's voice
- Completing an Early Help Assessment
- Holding a Team Around the Family meeting

How to book via the L&D booking system

To book : [External agencies - WCC | L&D Booking system](#)

Instructions for completing:

- Do you have an account – No thanks
- Course price – as the course is free click in public circle
- Select organisation from dropdown box – Public
- Put in your address
- Then click book course

If you require support with booking, please contact WCC Learning & Development team directly on 01905 844 544 or email LDAdmin@worcestershire.gov.uk

Externally provided Safeguarding Training

Misogyny in Education Training

Offered by Virtual College - this short, introductory course raises awareness of misogyny. It helps you to identify misogynistic behaviour in children and young people and provides support in tackling those behaviours appropriately. Designed for anyone who works with children and young people the course includes a CPD approved downloadable certificate on completion

Denise Hannibal, Safeguarding Lead, has recently undertake this online training course, which does have a nominal fee, and can confirm that it provides a quality comprehensive training course that will make you think.

Visit [Virtual College \(opens in new window\)](#) to find out more and book your place

West Mercia Police: Online Safety Conference

The conference is for "*non-technical*" professionals such as teachers, social workers, health workers, and police officers who work with the public and need to be aware of basic online and digital risks. The event will feature a series of easy-to-understand sessions based on local incidents and crimes. Attendees will have the option to participate in-person or online.

During the day we will aim to demystify some of the most challenging online threats we face. With inputs from the Force Cyber Crime Unit, Online Child Sexual Exploitation Team, Economic Crime Unit, Regional Cyber Crime Units, Counter Terrorism Unit and other professionals working in the safeguarding arena, we will explain topics that may have previously felt too technical or complex to grasp.

Throughout the conference, we hope delegates will share their own professional experiences and challenges. There will be question and answer facilities during each topic area, with an opportunity for discussion following the deliveries and potential further collaboration. In addition to providing valuable CPD for professionals, we hope this conference will act as a springboard for longer-term collaboration and prevention work.

Technology is transforming all of our lives at an eye-watering pace, and we urgently need to come together as professionals to share experiences and ideas about how we can adapt to deliver our respective services to the public in an increasingly online world.

- 18 June 2025, 9.30am to 3.30pm
- Book your place via the [Online Registration \(opens in new window\)](#)

Purple Leaf

The Purple Leaf Programme is an educational resource, run by West Mercia Rape & Sexual Abuse Support Centre (WMRSASC), created to increase young people's awareness of sexual abuse, to equip them with the skills, knowledge and tools to be able to identify uncomfortable feelings, and to know where to go for help and support.

The range of training can be found on <https://www.wmrsasc.org.uk/training/>

Useful websites

- Education Safeguarding: [Safeguarding support for teachers and education professionals | Worcestershire County Council](#)
- CPD [Courses Search \(worcestershire.gov.uk\)](#)
- KCSIE
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/64f0a68ea78c5f000dc6f3b2/Keeping_children_safe_in_education_2023.pdf
- Home Office (Prevent) [The Prevent duty: safeguarding learners vulnerable to radicalisation - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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