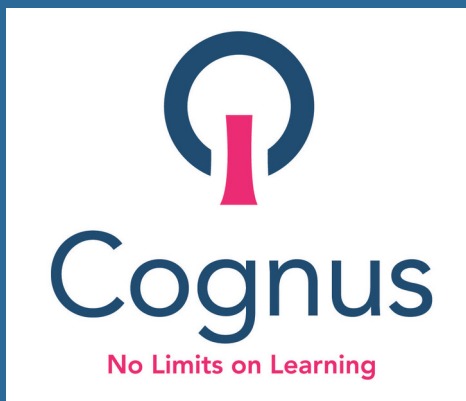




Safeguarding Briefing

August 2026



Dear colleagues,

We hope you had a restful summer break. Below are a number of resources that we hope will ease your workload slightly and support you with the amazing job that you do. For those who subscribe to Andrew Hall, he will be releasing some new content later this week.

Please note: There will be no September briefing. The next briefing will be 7th October.



Updates from the Education Safeguarding Team



DSL Contact Sheet

Please check the DSL Contact sheet before the start of term and send Gill Bush any amendments as per the instructions [here](#)



Safeguarding Briefing Distribution List

If you would like anyone added or removed from the distribution list, please email
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KCSIE 2026 - Bitesize Training is READY



Slides and a video recording of the key changes to KCSIE 2026 and a safeguarding refresher for all staff are now available here: [Bitesize Safeguarding Training Videos and Accompanying Slides – Cognus](#)

Option 1: Watch the recording (70 mins) - a link to the YouTube video can be found on the front page of the slide deck

Option 2: Edit/amend the slides as you wish. Note: The slides-only version also has EY statutory framework updates at the very end

NEW Bitesize Training Video - Sutton LSCP Child Sexual Abuse Strategy



We have created a 20-minute training video explaining the Sutton LSCP 3-year Child Sexual Abuse Strategy: what it is, what it means for schools and actions schools need to take. You can share this with all staff as part of your CPD calendar if you wish.

[Bitesize Safeguarding Training Videos and Accompanying Slides – Cognus](#)

Option 1: Watch the recording (20 mins) - a link to the YouTube video can be found on the front page of the slide deck

Option 2: Edit/amend the slides as you wish



Model Sutton Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy Template 2026-27

Please find the template [here](#).

Sections highlighted in **yellow** are for schools to **edit/adapt**.

Sections in **green** are **Primary-specific**.

Sections in **blue** are **Secondary-specific**.

The template is just a guide for schools to adapt and edit as they wish.

Thank you to Paul Avery, Du vessa Owen and Natasha Edmonds-Chappell for their input.



Safeguarding Training Overview 2026-27

We have compiled an overview of [training links and suggestions](#).

Page 1: The first page is a reminder of the mandatory safeguarding training all Sutton schools are expected to complete.

Page 2+: The subsequent pages are recommended links and documents to support you with training staff on key areas outlined in KCSIE 2026.



Safeguarding Curriculum

To support you with your safeguarding curriculum, as recommended in KCSIE 2026, we have compiled a list of lesson plans and resources that could be used to support the teaching of safeguarding issues in an age-appropriate way: [Safeguarding Curriculum Resources.xlsx](#)

NOTE: It is the responsibility of the school to check each resource to ensure suitability of content and to ensure staff delivering the content are appropriately trained to deliver it safely, sensitively and manage questions and/or disclosures that may arise.

The document will be updated as and when new resources are released - the latest version will be on [Commonly Asked Questions](#).



Posters

Links to posters for children and young people, parents and staff areas can be found on the following documents:

[Posters for Staff Areas Only.docx](#)

[Posters & Leaflets for Parents.docx](#)

[Posters for Children and Young People.docx](#)

The documents will be updated as and when new resources are released - the latest versions will be on [Commonly Asked Questions](#).



Updated Sutton Contacts Sheet 2026-27

This can be found [here](#)- *note it is a live document - please bookmark it rather than downloading.*
This is still being updated due to the Families First Changes.



DSL Refresher Certificate for 2026-27

If you have not already received your certificate for 2026-27, you can find an editable version [here](#).



Reflective Safeguarding Supervision

We have a few spaces left for our Group Reflective Safeguarding Supervision Sessions. Please sign up on the links below or contact cpdadmin@cognus.org.uk if you have any questions.

[Event : COGNUS-VIRTUAL---Group-A-DSL-Supervision-20262027 - 36712](#)

[Event : COGNUS-VIRTUAL---Group-B-DSL-Supervision-20262027 - 36713](#)



Commonly Asked Questions

Don't forget to bookmark the [Safeguarding Commonly Asked Questions](#) page of our website.



Events and Training

Training Dates 2026-27



For training delivered by the Education Safeguarding Team: Please go to: <https://suttontraining.event-booking.org/> and select Cognus Safeguarding in the category section.

(Here you can sign up to the full day New to DSL training, DSL Refresher for Experienced DSLs, Governor Training Termly DSL Network Meetings, Sutton Group Supervision)

Secondary DSL Network Meeting (Virtual)



 17 July 23rd September 8am-9am

[Event : COGNUS-VIRTUAL---Secondary-School-DSL-Safeguarding-update-20262027 - 36418](#)

Threshold Guidance Training (Virtual)



 17 July 23rd September, 9:30am-12:30pm

There are still a few spaces left on this course which aims to familiarise DSLs/DDSLs with the content and application of the Sutton threshold document in practice.

[Event : Threshold-Guidance-Training-2627 - 36695](#)

Secondary DSL/DDSL Experienced Training Course

Our NEW training course - as requested by DSLs on our end of year survey.

 17 July 30th September, 9am-12:30pm

 In person at Cognus Ltd, Cantium House

The aim of this session is to refresh the attendee on safeguarding practices and procedures, New Sutton Threshold document and key changes to KCSIE 2026 and WTSC 2026.

[Event : COGNUS---Secondary-DSLDDSL-Experienced-Safeguarding-refresher-20262027 - 36721](#)



Primary DSL Network Meeting (Virtual)



17 30th September, 1:30-3pm

[Event : COGNUS-VIRTUAL---Primary-School-DSLDDSL-Safeguarding-update-20262027 - 36570](#)



Prevent Awareness Sessions - Sutton

As discussed in our recent DSL network meeting, the next Prevent training session will be:



17 30th Sep at 10:00-11:30 - Virtual

This training is targeted at professionals in direct contact with children who undertake or contribute to risk assessments and multi-agency meetings including social workers, family support workers, health professionals, schools, police and others who work with children at risk of abuse, neglect and exploitation who work for the London Borough of Sutton.

Aims:

- To increase understanding and awareness of Prevent and Terrorism
- To spot the signs of radicalisation
- To understand the Prevent referral pathway in Sutton



Book [here](#)



Prevent Awareness Sessions - Virtual

Regional CONTEST co-ordinators 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.

There are sessions targeted at:

- EYFS
- Independent Schools
- Governors
- DSLs
- Staff working in SEND

In addition to this, there are themed sessions looking more closely at:

- Incels and the manosphere
- Online platforms and extremist content
- Gaming and extremism



[Regional CONTEST co-ordinators: virtual training sessions - GOV.UK](#)

Educational Visits Coordinator (EVC) Training

 **6th October, 9:30am-3:30pm**

 In person at Cognus Ltd, Cantium House

Essential training for those new, or recently appointed, to the EVC role.

This training session is suitable for new or recently appointed EVCs.

[Event : COGNUS---EVC-Educational-Visits-Coordinator-training-Autumn-2026 - 37106](#)

Headteachers and DSLs New to Sutton - FREE training on Sutton-Specific Safeguarding Practices & Procedures (Virtual)

 **7th October, 10am-12pm**

The aim of this session is to familiarise DSLs who have **newly joined a Sutton School from out of Borough** in Sutton Safeguarding Practises and Procedures.

[07/10/2026 – COGNUS VIRTUAL – Substantive DSL's or HT's new to... – Cognus](#)

Governor Safeguarding Training (Virtual)

 **12th October, 6-8pm**

This training session is suitable for any Governor, new or experienced, Primary, Secondary and Independents.

The aim of this session is to ensure that Governors are fully up to date with their safeguarding knowledge, how to support and challenge their schools and be aware of the statutory safeguarding guidance for schools and colleges.

[Event : COGNUS-VIRTUAL---Governor-Safeguarding-Training-20262027 - 36719](#)



Guidance & Protocol Updates and Consultations

EYFS Statutory Framework for School-Based Providers - from 1st September 2026

Find the new statutory framework: [EYFS statutory framework for group and school-based providers 2026](#)

Key changes include:

- **Safer Sleep:** expanded from a single general paragraph into a detailed, prescriptive checklist for children under 2
- **Screen Use:** New requirement that providers "must have regard to" the [DfE guidance "Help for early years providers: Screen use."](#)
- **Banned dog breeds:** Banned dog breeds must not be kept or present on the premises at any time, even if the owner holds a certificate of exemption.
- **Safer Recruitment:** lots of changes
- **Paediatric First Aid Requirements:** now includes due regard for outings
- **Annexe C:** Training criteria

Keeping Children Safe in Education 2026

It is finally here! [Keeping children safe in education 2026 \(comes into force from 1 September 2026\)](#)

▶ See our [Bitesize training and slides.](#)

 There is also an audiobook on Part 1 which you may wish to share with staff as an alternative to reading: [Audiobook | Keeping children safe in education 2026 – Part 1 & Annex A](#) - with thanks to Du vessa Owen from Wallington County Grammar School for recommending this!

Andrew Hall has produced some checklists to support DSLs and SLT to ensure all changes are in place:

[KCSIE_2026_School_Action_Checklist.doc](#)

[KCSIE_2026_DSL_SLT_GOV_Handout_v.2.2.docx](#)

[KCSIE_2026_All_Staff_Handout_v.1.1.docx](#)

[Safeguarding_Policy_CHEAT_SHEET_September_2026_v.1.5.docx](#)

London Threshold Document - Updated Version

The London Threshold Document has been updated in the light of the Families First Programme. This is an interim update, pending a wider consultation. The main changes to note are:

- Column 1 is now Early Help and not "Most Children".
- Columns 2 and 3 have an overall heading of "Family Help" but Column 2 is "Targeted Early Help" and Column 3 "Child in Need" - the wording of these two columns has been updated from that in the currently published threshold document as a result of the consultation that took place earlier in the year.
- Most of the wording in Column 4 "Child Protection" is unchanged although there have been some minor amendments
- The Domestic Violence Section is almost entirely new

Although Sutton schools are asked to refer to the Sutton Threshold document when making a referral for a child living in Sutton, the London Threshold document can also help professionals identify when a child may need additional support to achieve their full potential. It provides information on the levels of need and gives examples of some of the factors that may indicate a child or young person requires additional support.

 [Threshold](#)



Updates from Partners



South West London CYP Support Hub Signposting

The South West London CYP Support Hub provides specialist, trauma-informed support for children and young people who have experienced or been affected by child sexual abuse, sexual violence, exploitation or related trauma.



A new poster can be found [here](#).



Sutton Parenting Support Offer - Autumn



The latest schedule and details of courses can be found [here](#).

This is an excellent example of the **universal support services and community-based early help** that can families can be signposted to.



Resources

CPOMS - New Staff Concerns Module



Steps to Success
Logging Staff Concerns

Staff Concerns provides a simple, central place to record and manage concerns about staff. It allows authorised users to log a range of safeguarding-related information, from low-level concerns and routine contact such as Telephone Calls and One to One Meetings, through to more serious matters including Safeguarding Concerns, Allegations, or LADO Referrals. It can also be used to record contextual information that supports safeguarding oversight, such as Positive Feedback, Lesson Observations, and Welfare Concerns.

All records are stored in one place, making it easy to view a staff member's concern history, understand context over time, and identify patterns. Concern categories can be customised to suit your establishment, allowing you to log incidents and concerns that are most relevant to your setting. This ensures records remain clear, consistent, and tailored to your safeguarding processes. If you'd like to hear more about how the CPOMS StaffSafe platform can support your setting, please contact Aaron on Aaron.kelly@CPOMS.co.uk.



New Anti-Bullying Film and Lesson Pack - KS2/KS3

The Anti-Bullying Alliance has created a film and lesson pack exploring themes relating to: screen use and digital habits; online bullying; wellbeing and mental health; and peer relationships and social pressure.

[‘You’re So Real’: Launch of Film and School Resource Pack](#)

New RSHE Platform - Peerscroller



Peerscroller is a digital safeguarding and PSHE platform that gives young people, teachers, parents and carers a go-to source of reliable, relatable information, bridging the gap between school and home. Through short-form videos made for (and by) Gen A-Z, Peerscroller explores key issues from healthy relationships to emotional wellbeing and is particularly helpful in opening conversations about emerging concerns such as misogyny and harmful online content.

Peerscroller supports early intervention, and our content is aligned to DfE RSHE guidance and the PSHE Association framework. Peerscroller is Home Office-approved and we're working with platforms like CPOMS & Thrive-Online to embed our videos into everyday safeguarding workflows.

 [Peerscroller](#)



Question of the Month

Can you off roll a pupil who has not been in school for 20 days?

[Answer](#)



Sharing Good Practice

THANK
YOU

THANK YOU to all the schools who attended our End of Year DSL Network Event in July. A special thanks to the following schools for sharing ideas and resources with colleagues as part of our carousel - your time and input was greatly appreciated:

Beddington Park Infants, Bandon Hill Primary, Devonshire Primary, Wilson's School, Glenthorne High School, Sutton Grammar.

“

The morning has been great - such an efficient use of time and so much better meeting other DSLs face to face than talking over email.

Feedback from Primary to Secondary Transfer Morning

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Thank you!

Don't forget to reach out to the Education Safeguarding Team if you have any questions:

[Education Safeguarding Team Contacts](#)

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The next briefing will be: Wednesday 7th October