

Safeguarding Children in Education Training Calendar September 2026 - July 2027

Introduction

This Safeguarding Children in Education Training Calendar outlines the programme of continuing professional development opportunities available to schools and education settings across the 2026–2027 academic year. The offer is designed to support designated safeguarding leads, senior leaders, governors, and wider staff in developing and maintaining the knowledge, skills, and confidence required to safeguard children effectively.

The programme includes statutory training, regular DSL network meetings, and themed sessions focusing on emerging safeguarding priorities. It reflects current national guidance, including Keeping Children Safe in Education, and aims to support settings in maintaining strong safeguarding cultures and meeting their statutory responsibilities

Statutory Safer Recruitment training for School leaders and governors This course will support senior leaders and governors to develop their understanding of safer recruitment practices. It will focus on ensuring schools remain compliant with current DfE guidance and legislation. The training is delivered by a tutor accredited by the Safer Recruitment Consortium.

DSL Meetings: are scheduled throughout the academic year to support designated safeguarding leads in their role. These sessions provide opportunities for discussion, updates, and guidance on emerging safeguarding issues.

School Governor training: This training provides governors with essential knowledge of safeguarding procedures, including the child protection process, that must underpin school practice. It explores how governors can hold senior leaders to account for maintaining a strong safeguarding culture, the key policies and procedures required, and what Ofsted expects to see.

Operation Encompass: This training supports staff to effectively embed Operation Encompass within their setting. It refreshes knowledge of domestic abuse, the impact on children, how Operation Encompass operates, and how schools can best support affected pupils.

For DSL meetings please email James.jordan@halton.gov.uk to request a place, please put the meeting date in the subject line, thank you.

Wednesday 16 th September 26	New to the Role of DSL 1.30pm to 3pm Runcorn Town Hall New to the Role of DSL 16 Sept 26 (Runcorn Town Hall) – Fill out form
Thursday 24 th September 26	Secondary & Post DSL meeting 1.30pm to 3pm DCBL Stadium Widnes
Monday 28 th September 26	School Governor Safeguarding training 6pm to 7.30pm DCBL Stadium Widnes School Governor Safeguarding September 26 – Register here

Tuesday 29 th September 26	DSL Primary Schools (Runcorn) 1.30pm to 3pm Civic Suite Runcorn Town Hall
Thursday 8 th October 26	DSL Primary Schools (Widnes) 1.30pm to 3pm DCBL Stadium Widnes
Thursday 15 th October 26	Special Schools DSL Meeting 1.30 to 3pm Runcorn Town Hall
Thursday 5 th November 26	Statutory Safer Recruitment November 26 training 9.30am to 4.00pm DCBL Stadium Widnes Statutory Safer Recruitment November 26 – Register here
Tuesday 10 th November 26	Prevent Update by Joanna Fitsimmons LCR Prevent Education Officer DCBL Stadium Widnes 9am to 12.15pm Prevent Duty Update from Liverpool City Region Prevent lead – Register here
Thursday 19 th November 26	School Governor Safeguarding training 6pm to 7.30pm DCBL Stadium Widnes School Governor Safeguarding November 26 – Register here
Tuesday 24 th November 26	Operation Encompass Awareness 1.30 to 3pm Runcorn Town Hall Operation Encompass Awareness November 26 – Register here
Tuesday 1 st December 26	DSL Primary Schools (Runcorn) 1.30pm to 3pm Runcorn Town Hall
Thursday 10 th December 26	DSL Primary Schools (Widnes) 1.30pm to 3pm DCBL Stadium Widnes
Spring term	
Wednesday 13 th January 27	New to the Role of DSL 1.30 to 3.30pm DCBL Stadium Widnes New to the role of DSL January 27 – Register here
Monday 18 th January 27	School Governor Safeguarding training 6pm to 7.30pm DCBL Stadium Widnes School Governor Safeguarding January 2027 – Register here
Tuesday 19 th January 27	Safeguarding Audit 2027 workshop 9.30 to 12 noon Runcorn Town Hall Runcorn Town Hall Civic Suite
Thursday 21 st January 27	Safeguarding Audit 2027 workshop 1.30 to 4pm DCBL Stadium Widnes
Monday 8 th February 27	Statutory Safer Recruitment training 9.30 to 4.30pm Runcorn Town Hall Statutory Safer Recruitment for Education settings February 2027 – Register here

Thursday 25 th February 27	Secondary & Post 16 DSL meeting 1.30pm to 3pm Runcorn Town Hall
Thursday 4 th March 27	Special Schools DSL Meeting 1.30 to 3pm DCBL Stadium Widnes
Monday 15 th March 27	DSL Primary Schools Runcorn 1.30pm to 3pm Runcorn Library
Wednesday 17 th March 27	DSL refresher Course DCBL Stadium Widnes
Monday 22 nd March 27	DSL Primary Schools Widnes DCBL Stadium Widnes
Summer term	
Wednesday 14 th April 27	School Governor Safeguarding training 6pm to 7.30pm DCBL Stadium Widnes School Governor Safeguarding April 27 – Register here
Wednesday 28 th April 27	Statutory Safer Recruitment training 9.30 to 4.30pm Runcorn Town Hall Statutory Safer Recruitment for Schools & Education setting April 27 – Register here
Thursday 6 th May 27	Operation Encompass Awareness DCBL Stadium Widnes 1pm to 3.30pm Operation Encompass Awareness May 27 – Register here
Tuesday 25 th May 27	Special Schools DSL Meeting 1.30 to 3pm Runcorn Town Hall
Wednesday 9 th June 27	School Governor Safeguarding training 6pm to 7.30pm DCBL Stadium Widnes School Governor Safeguarding Training June 27 – Register here
Monday 14 th June 27	DSL Primary Schools Runcorn 1.30pm to 3pm Runcorn Library
Tuesday 22 nd June 27	DSL Primary Schools Widnes 1.30pm to 3pm DCBL Stadium Widnes
Thursday 1 st July 27	Secondary & Post 16 DSL meeting 1.30pm to 3pm DCBL Stadium Widnes
Wednesday 7 th July 27	Statutory Safer Recruitment training 9.30am to 4pm Runcorn Town Hall Statutory Safer Recruitment for Schools & Education settings – Register here