



Halton Virtual School Training Calendar September 2026 to July 2027

All booking information will be sent out nearer the dates of the sessions.

Target Audience	Information	Date / Time / Venue	Registration details
Autumn September - December			
Designated Teachers, Designated Safeguard Leads, Social Workers	Virtual School Conference	23 rd September 2026	Click here to register 
Designated Safeguarding Leads	Secondary & Post 16 DSL meeting 1.30pm to 3pm DCBL Stadium Widnes DSL Primary Schools (Runcorn) 1.30pm to 3pm Civic Suite Runcorn Town Hall Special Schools DSL Meeting 1.30 to 3pm Runcorn Town Hall	Thursday 24 th September 2026 Tuesday 29 th September 2026 Thursday 15 th October 2026	
Foster Carers	Early Years: School Readiness: A year of transitions 'Autumn' & The EY Curriculum	Thursday 8 th October 2026 10am-11:30am Teams	Click here to register 

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Foster Carers	Early Years: Rhyme Time Sessions delivered by the VS	Thursday 15 th October 10.30am-11.30am Ditton Library & Friday 11 th December 10.30am-11.30am HLE	Click here to register 
Designated Teachers	New to DT Role, Virtual School Overview (For new social workers, DTs) – Delivered virtually by Peter McPartland	Tuesday 10 th November 2026 10am and 4pm	Click here to register - AM session -  Click here to register - PM session 
Designated Safeguarding Leads/ Heads	Prevent Update by Joanna Fitsimmons LCR Prevent Education Officer DCBL Stadium Widnes combined with presentation from Small Steps in relation to Extreme Right Wing organisations 9am to 12.15pm	Tuesday 10 th November 2026	<u>Prevent Duty Update from Liverpool City Region Prevent lead – Register here</u>

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Designated Teachers	Autumn Network Meeting: Alys & Min • Expectations for the year/VS Updates • Training Calendar • College/Primary applications • Brilliant Conference feedback • Thrive Assessments	Wednesday 11 th November 2026 4-5pm Runcorn Town Hall	Click here to register 
Social Workers/Foster Carers	Early Years Funding/EY Info	Monday 16 th November 10am-11am Halton Lea Library Room 5	Click here to register 
Foster Carers	Attendance and Exclusions	Tuesday 17 th November 2026 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Click here to register 

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Foster Carers	Trauma Informed Transitions: Delivered by the Educational Psychology service This 1 hour training session is for foster carers and will provide an overview of supporting children and young people through transitions between educational years and settings. Using a trauma-informed approach, the session will focus on the importance of wellbeing, nurturing relationships and environments in fostering resilience to help children manage change and achieve positive outcomes.	Tuesday 8 th December 2026 10-11am Online	Click here to register 
	Eclipse and MAP training – Autumn session	TBC	
Spring January – March			
Designated Teachers	Refresher DT Role including welfare call - covering key statutory responsibilities, effective support for children in care, and the purpose and processes of welfare calls.	Thursday 14 th January 2027 3:30 - Online	Click here to register 

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Foster Carers	Early Years: School Readiness: A year of transitions 'Spring' & Routines/Sleep/Screens	Thursday 11 th February 10am-11:30am Teams	Click here to register 
Designated Safeguarding Lead	Secondary & Post 16 DSL meeting 1.30pm to 3pm Runcorn Town Hall Special Schools DSL Meeting 1.30 to 3pm DCBL Stadium Widnes DSL Primary Schools Runcorn 1.30pm to 3pm Update Civic suite Town Hall DSL Primary Schools Widnes DCBL Stadium Widnes	T Thursday 25 th February 27 Thursday 4 th March 27 Monday 15 th March 27 Monday 22 nd March 27	
Social Workers/Foster Carers	Early Years Funding/EY Info	Monday 8 th March 2pm-3pm Location TBC	Click here to register 

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Designated Teachers	Spring Network Meeting • VS Updates • PEP Changes • P-lac Update & Kinship Support • Update from the Post 16 Landscape • PEP Support Video (Transitions & CEIAG) • PEP Quiz • Questions / Answers	Wednesday 24 th March 4pm-5pm Teams	Click here to register 
	Eclipse and MAP training – Spring session	TBC	
Summer April – July			
Designated Safeguarding Lead	Special Schools DSL Meeting 1.30 to 3pm Runcorn Town Hall DSL Primary Schools Runcorn 1.30pm to 3pm Runcorn Town Hall DSL Primary Schools Widnes 1.30pm to 3pm DCBL Stadium Widnes Secondary & Post 16 DSL meeting 1.30pm to 3pm DCBL Stadium Widnes	Tuesday 25 th May 27 Monday 14 th June 27 Tuesday 22 nd June 27 Thursday 1 st July 27	

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Foster Carers	Early Years: School Readiness: A year of transitions 'Summer' & EY Assessments	Thursday 10th June 10am- 11:30am Teams	Click here to register 
Social Workers/Foster Carers	Early Years Funding/EY Info	Monday 21 st June 2pm-3pm Halton Lea Library Room 5	Click here to register 
Designated Teachers	Summer Network Meeting: Gemma & Sarah • Use of PP+ examples • Intervention bank • Full agenda to be sent out nearer the date.	Tuesday 22 nd June 4-5pm Brookfields School, Widnes	Click here to register 
	Eclipse and MAP training – Summer session	TBC	
Other			
All	Bitesize EY training sessions accessible to all: • Assessments in the Early Years • Screens & Sleep	To be uploaded the website	No registration needed

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All	Transitions – from EY to Post-16	To be uploaded to website/shared through newsletter	

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