**Safeguarding training framework for Education settings**

The Essex Safeguarding Children Board (ESCB) produces guidance [Link](https://www.escb.co.uk/learning-and-development/) for all organisations in Essex on levels and learning outcomes in relation to safeguarding training. The guidance sets a framework for training for induction and at Levels 1, 2 and 3. For Education settings, the ECC Education Safeguarding Team works closely with the ESCB to ensure the framework is aligned to statutory requirements as set out by the Department for Education (DfE), and that there is an offer for all settings which meets the agreed expectations.

Settings are free to access training from any provider. However, if they do so, they are responsible for ensuring it meets the requirements set out by the ESCB (see the framework below), and also by the DfEs, as detailed below.

**Education schools and settings**

*Keeping Children Safe in Education* (DfE) sets out the statutory requirement for all staff to receive appropriate safeguarding training. It also requires education settings to have a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and at least one Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL).  There is a further requirement for these safeguarding leads to undertake training to ensure they have the appropriate knowledge and skills for the role, and that this should be updated at least every two years.

The training levels for schools and other education settings are:

* all staff should access [**Level 1 training**](https://www.escb.co.uk/learning-and-development/safeguarding-children-level-1-basic-awareness/) *(this should be part of the induction process for all new staff);*
* all staff must have **Level 2 training**, at least annually. For those settings who wish staff to access this from an external source, the ESCB commissioned provider is [Anster](https://www.escb.co.uk/learning-and-development/safeguarding-children-level-2/). Alternatively, DSLs / DDSLs may wish to deliver Level 2 training to all staff within their setting themselves. *(To support safeguarding leads in doing this, the ECC Education Safeguarding Team write presentations for them to deliver to staff, which include all the necessary material. It is also possible to do a combination of these two options, depending on the needs of individual settings)*
* all DSLs and DDSLs must access **Level 3** training at least every two years. *(The Education Safeguarding Team offers Level 3 training and further details are available on* [*Education Essex online*](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Feducationessex.essex.gov.uk%2F&data=05%7C02%7CAnna.Russell%40essex.gov.uk%7Cc96872fe9f034f79b31a08dcd3c8a60d%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C638618105929584868%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Dx4uw45NBitqdnxWIm0FRKUfB85v879uDSZH08mO9Q0%3D&reserved=0)*).*

**Early Years settings**

The *Early Years Foundation Stage* *Statutory Framework for Group and School-based Providers* (DfE) set out the statutory requirement for all staff working to receive appropriate safeguarding training. It also states that the Lead Practitioner for safeguarding must attend a child protection training course that enables them to identify, understand and respond appropriately to signs of possible abuse and neglect, taking account of any advice from the Local Safeguarding Children Board (in Essex, this is the Essex Safeguarding Children Board) or local authority on appropriate training courses.

In Essex, the safeguarding training requirements for Early Years settings are aligned to those for schools and other settings. These requirements are as follows:

* all staff in early years settings should access [**Level 1 training**](https://esca.essexacl.ac.uk/login/index.php) *(this should be part of the induction process for all new staff);*
* all staff within a setting must have **Level 2 training**, at least annually. For those settings who wish staff to access this from an external source, the ESCB commissioned provider is [Anster](https://www.escb.co.uk/learning-and-development/safeguarding-children-level-2/). Alternatively, Lead Practitioners may wish to deliver Level 2 training to all staff within their setting themselves. *(To support Lead Practitioners in doing this, the ECC Education Safeguarding Team writes presentations for them to deliver to staff, which include all the necessary material. It is also possible to do a combination of these two options, depending on the needs of individual settings)*
* all Lead Practitioners for safeguarding must access **Level 3** training. *(The Education Safeguarding Team offers Level 3 training and further details are available on the* [Education Essex online](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Feducationessex.essex.gov.uk%2F&data=05%7C02%7CAnna.Russell%40essex.gov.uk%7Cc96872fe9f034f79b31a08dcd3c8a60d%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C638618105929584868%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Dx4uw45NBitqdnxWIm0FRKUfB85v879uDSZH08mO9Q0%3D&reserved=0)*).*

**Childminders**

The *Early Years Foundation Stage* *Statutory Framework for Childminders* (DfE) set out the statutory requirement that childminders working alone or with assistants must take lead responsibility for safeguarding children in their setting. It also states that the childminder must attend a child protection training course that helps them to identify, understand and respond appropriately to signs of possible abuse and neglect, taking account of any advice from the Local Safeguarding Children Board (in Essex, this is the Essex Safeguarding Children Board) or local authority on appropriate training courses.

In Essex, the safeguarding training requirements for Early Years practitioners are aligned to those for schools and other settings. These requirements are as follows:

* all childminders should access [**Level 1 training**](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fesca.essexacl.ac.uk%2Flogin%2Findex.php&data=04%7C01%7C%7Ca63e85eebea842fda57b08d9713748a2%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C637665304514037085%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C1000&sdata=yakI3PsP2BmU67r1eeNOC9wB%2BiZF%2FeP5wpK5GMHG6cM%3D&reserved=0) *(this should be part of the induction process for any assistants);*
* all staff within a setting must have **Level 2 training**, at least annually. For those settings who wish staff to access this from an external source, the ESCB commissioned provider is [Anster](https://www.escb.co.uk/learning-and-development/safeguarding-children-level-2/). Alternatively, Lead Practitioners may wish to deliver Level 2 training to all staff within their setting themselves. *(To support Lead Practitioners in doing this, the ECC Education Safeguarding Team writes presentations for them to deliver to staff, which include all the necessary material. It is also possible to do a combination of these two options, depending on the needs of individual settings)*
* all Lead Practitioners for safeguarding (including sole childminders) must access **Level 3** training. *(The Education Safeguarding Team offers Level 3 training and further details are available on the* [Education Essex online](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Feducationessex.essex.gov.uk%2F&data=05%7C02%7CAnna.Russell%40essex.gov.uk%7Cc96872fe9f034f79b31a08dcd3c8a60d%7Ca8b4324f155c4215a0f17ed8cc9a992f%7C0%7C0%7C638618105929584868%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Dx4uw45NBitqdnxWIm0FRKUfB85v879uDSZH08mO9Q0%3D&reserved=0)*).*

**The ESCB framework**

**Induction**

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| **For whom** | **Learning outcomes** | **Delivery and timescales** |
| All staff, regardless of the frequency of contact with children and families | 1. Understand what is meant by safeguarding children 2. Know how to record and report a concern for a child 3. Have read and understood the Safeguarding / Child Protection Policy 4. Have read and understood the Staff Code of Conduct 5. Know how to record and report a concern about an adult who works or volunteers with children 6. Have a general awareness of domestic abuse, child exploitation, radicalisation, female genital mutilation, and honour-based abuse 7. Know the boundaries of personal competence and responsibility, when to involve others and where to seek advice and support 8. Have read and understood policies in relation to internet use and social media, both personal conduct and interaction with service users | E-learning or in-person  On start date (or before) |

**ESCB Level 1**

***It is expected that this level builds on the knowledge gained in the previous level***

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| **For whom** | **Learning outcomes** | **Delivery and timescales** |
| All staff working with children and families | 1. Be aware of the national legislation and guidance in relation to safeguarding children (specifically Keeping Children Safe in Education / Statutory Frameworks for Early Years) 2. Be aware of local guidance: [Southend, Essex and Thurrock Child Protection Procedures](https://www.escb.co.uk) and [Essex Effective Support for Children and Families](https://www.escb.co.uk/working-with-children/concerns-about-the-welfare-of-a-child/) 3. Be able to recognise the signs and symptoms of abuse and neglect 4. Know how to report concerns about a child 5. To be able to document safeguarding/child protection concerns in a clear and concise way that can be shared with other staff members or agencies appropriately 6. Understand own role and responsibilities and those of others in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children 7. Understand the principles of information sharing ([Information Sharing Advice for Safeguarding Practitioners](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safeguarding-practitioners-information-sharing-advice), 2018,HM Gov) 8. Be aware of the increased vulnerability of some children and groups 9. Have a basic awareness of honour-based abuse, radicalisation, female genital mutilation, impact of domestic abuse on children, child exploitation and online safety | E-learning or in-person  1 – 2 hours  Within the first week of start date |

**ESCB Level 2**

***It is expected that this level builds on the knowledge gained in the previous level***

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| **For whom** | **Learning outcomes** | **Delivery and timescales** |
| All staff working with children and families | 1. Be able to recognise and respond to a range of safeguarding concerns (including Prevent) 2. Understand how to respond when a child alleges or discloses abuse 3. Know how and when to consult with a DSL or DDSL 4. Understand the safeguarding roles of parents and carers and recognise factors that may impact on parenting capacity 5. Recognise the different cultural and religious beliefs and the potential impact of this on safeguarding when working with children and families 6. Understand and recognise the challenges experienced by some children and/or their families, and the impact this can have on engagement 7. Understand how to appropriately challenge other professionals and how to escalate concerns 8. Understand boundaries of personal competence and responsibility; know when to involve others and when / where to get advice and support 9. Be able to communicate effectively and develop working relationships with other practitioners and professionals, children, and families to safeguard and promote the welfare of children 10. Have a working knowledge of Keeping Children Safe in Education / Statutory Framework for Early Years, the current SET Procedures, and Working Together 2023 11. Understand the importance of the ‘voice of the child’, and know how to advocate for them 12. Understand the Essex Effective Support process, to ensure children and families receive the right help at the right time 13. Understand the Essex Early Help process and be able to contribute to and/or co-ordinate a team around the family (TAF) meeting | E-learning, though best practice is in-person  2 – 3 hours  Within the first week of start date and then refreshed annually |

**ESCB Level 3**

***It is expected that this level builds on the knowledge gained in the previous level***

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| **For whom** | **Learning outcomes** | **Delivery and timescales** |
| Designated Safeguarding Leads / Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads  Lead practitioners for safeguarding | 1. Have an enhanced understanding of safeguarding to equip them to lead on all safeguarding matters in the setting, including provision of advice and guidance to other staff in relation to safeguarding concerns 2. Be able to lead on high quality standards for the safeguarding culture within the setting and be able to positively influence others to support this 3. Be able to lead on the development and review of all safeguarding policies, procedures and safeguarding training within the setting 4. Have a sound understanding of Effective Support for Children and Families in Essex to support decision making in relation to levels of need for children and families 5. Have a sound understanding and good working knowledge of Essex assessment processes to provide early help and statutory intervention (to ensure children and families receive the right help at the right time) 6. Be able to effectively articulate concerns for children and families, to ensure proportionate responses and quality referrals at the appropriate level of need 7. Have an understanding of how to access local support services across all levels of need 8. Have a sound understanding of the additional vulnerabilities of some children and also the importance of the ‘voice of the child’ in all safeguarding work 9. Understand how to resolve professional disagreements and escalate appropriately, in accordance with the SET procedures 10. Have the skills to recognise and work with others to address issues of aggression, non-compliance or disguised compliance that may impact on practitioners’ ability to safeguard and promote the welfare of a child 11. Have the appropriate skills and knowledge to enable effective contribution to and attendance at multi-agency meetings 12. Have a sound understanding of the impact of trauma on children 13. Be able to oversee and maintain a quality recording system for child protection concerns 14. Have a sound understanding of the importance of data protection and information sharing, both within the setting and also with other safeguarding partners 15. Have a sound understanding of the risks to children online and be able to lead on the approach to online safety, including filtering and monitoring arrangements 16. Be able to lead on all concerns relating to Prevent and understand how to access support from other partners 17. Understand the concept of ‘it could happen here’ and be able to lead on systems for reporting and recording low-level concerns 18. Understand how to keep updated on current safeguarding matters, including how to access learning from local and national Child Safeguarding Practice Reviews and ESCB developments | Best practice is in-person  6 - 8 hours  As soon as possible when starting the role (before or after start date), then refreshed at least every two years  Safeguarding leads should also access courses on specific topics to enhance their safeguarding knowledge |