**Slough’s Guide to Prevention Violence in School – Published 2025**

This guide refers to and takes note of the recommendations from the Youth Endowment Fund toolkit on Education, Children and Violence.

Checklist. Do you have the following in place:

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|  | Yes – who is lead staff member | No – notes on actions around this |
| **Appropriate safeguarding and procedures** |
| Child protection policy |  |  |
| Behaviour policy |  |  |
| Staff behaviour policy |  |  |
| Safeguarding arrangements to respond to absent children |  |  |
| **Multi-agency work** |
| DSL |  |  |
| Attend Slough Safeguarding Partnership or know who the school rep is |  |  |
| Safeguarding Governor |  |  |
| Attend Keeping Children Safe in School meetings or know who the school rep is |  |  |
| Know how to start a Team Around the School intervention |  |  |
| **Proactively share information** |
| Attend the School Sharing Information meetings or know who the school rep is |  |  |
| Attend DSL and PHSE networks |  |  |
| Receive updates from The Link |  |  |
| Receive updates from Slough Children First |  |  |
| Receive updates from Slough Safeguarding Partnership |  |  |
| **Staff training** |
| Safeguarding training |  |  |
| Child protection training |  |  |
| Hotspot Mapping – contextual safeguarding |  |  |
| Trauma-informed practice |  |  |
| Domestic Abuse training – with named DA Champion |  |  |
| Exploitation awareness training |  |  |
| Cultural competency training |  |  |
| Bystander Theory training |  |  |

Based on the YEF Toolkit recommendations 1 – 5, here are some ideas of the Slough-based support

**Recommendation 1: Keep children in education**

*Deliver evidence-informed attendance improvement strategies*

Local support:

* Slough Poverty Forum can provide funding ideas for breakfast clubs. Also look for foodbanks in your area to support. Visit www.slough.gov.uk/benefits-support/cost-living or email Community.Development@slough.gov.uk

*Implement whole-school and targeted behaviour support to reduce the need for exclusion*

Local support:

* Team Around the School - a multi-agency approach to address concerns around attendance and violence. Contact Anjli Sidhu Anjli.Sidhu@slough.gov.uk to implement.
* Number 22 counselling – holistic counselling for the family. Contact ….

**Recommendation 2: Provide children with trusted adults**

*Provide one-to-one mentoring by trained adults to support vulnerable children*

Local support:

* Together as One signpost to support in the community including youth clubs. Contact Together As One info@togetherasone.org.uk
* Community Detached Youth Team at Slough Borough Council can work on a one-to-one basis with young people. Contact Stacie Armand Stacie.Armand@slough.gov.uk
* Slough Youth Action provide youth clubs and sports programmes. Contact x x
* Storyy Group – AP providing mentoring and workshops. Contact x x

*Engage vulnerable children in sport with coaches who can support them*

Local Support

* Sport for Good schools programme and referral. Contact Chrissy.newman@slough.gov.uk

**Recommendation 3: Develop children’s social and emotional skills**

*Develop children’s social and emotional skills with a universal curriculum, targeted support and whole-school strategies*

Local support

* Stay True to You Knife Crime assemblies – Storyy Group
* Bystander Theory assemblies – SBC Community Safety
* Transitions work for Year 5/6 – Together as One

*Provide targeted social and emotional learning (SEL) support where children need it*

Local support

* One-to-one mentoring – Together as One
* Youth workers in school – SBC Community Youth Detached Team

*Support access to therapy for those children who require support*

Local support

* Number 22

**Recommendation 4: Target efforts at the places and times violence occurs**

*Survey children and talk to staff to determine where to focus your efforts*

Local support

* Hotspot Mapping workshops – In-house training via DSL network, SBC Community Youth Detached Team, Together as One, SBC Community Safety team

*Meet with partners to understand the local context and co-ordinate your safeguarding response*

Local support

* Team Around the School

**Recommendation 5: Cautiously consider unproven strategies and avoid harmful approaches**

Local support

* Community Safety-led projects – Safer Slough Partnership and Slough Safeguarding Partnership funded programmes and projects
* Together as One
* SCB Community Youth Detached Team
* Slough Youth Action
* Sport for Good (Street Games)
* TVP Schools Officer