



Staff safeguarding briefing: Sample School

Barking and Dagenham. Prepared 29 September 2026.

This is a sample. The school's name and the names of streets and places have been changed. The figures are real and describe one area in England.

The area around the school

- Police-recorded crime and anti-social behaviour at map points within 500 metres of the gate: 640 records in the year to July 2026, most often violence and sexual offences and anti-social behaviour.
- The street descriptors that recur most in the record within a kilometre: Road A, Road B and Road C. A recurring descriptor says where records are placed, not that a street is unsafe.
- Where pupils wait or gather nearby: Park A (100 m), Bus stop A (160 m) and Park B (570 m). KCSIE asks staff to be alert to when children might be at highest risk around the school day, for example immediately after school (paragraph 52).

What to be alert to

- Across Barking and Dagenham, social workers record child sexual exploitation, gangs, going missing and trafficking more often than across England.
- Also higher here than across England: first-time entrants to the youth justice system, ages 10 to 17; and hospital admissions for substance misuse, ages 15 to 24.
- Signs of criminal and sexual exploitation: going missing or often coming home late, unexplained money, phones or gifts, new older friends, missing school, changes in mood or behaviour.
- Drugs, weapons and robbery were recorded at map points within a kilometre (102 records in the year): prompts to stay alert to county lines, not evidence about any pupil.
- An Operation Encompass notification means a child was affected by a domestic abuse incident the police attended; follow the school's Encompass procedure.

Who to tell

- Any concern about a child: tell the designated safeguarding lead straight away, the same day, and write it down.
- If a child is in immediate danger, call 999.
- A concern about a place rather than a child (a street, a park, a stop): tell the designated safeguarding lead, who can pass it to the police neighbourhood team.
- Our local arrangements: Barking and Dagenham Safeguarding Children Partnership, <https://www.lbld.gov.uk/childrens-safeguarding-partnership>.
- The council's page for reporting a concern about a child: <https://www.lbld.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/report-serious-concern-about-child-marf-professionals>.

Designated safeguarding lead: _____

Deputies: _____

What this cannot tell you

- These figures describe the area around the school and the local authority. They say nothing about our pupils, and a quiet area is not a safe child.
- Recorded crime counts what was reported to the police; much harm to children is never reported. Your knowledge of a child always outweighs a figure.