



School Briefings:

The Halton Assessment Toolkit and Changes to the Referral Process

Following our recent Ofsted inspection the iCART referral process has been reviewed to strengthen the evidence provided by agencies in appropriate referrals so ensuring that children and families receive the correct support and interventions in a timelier manner.

In order to support schools, nursery schools and the college to implement and successfully embedded the new toolkits into their safeguarding practice, briefing sessions will be delivered by Principal Managers/Practice Leads from iCART Social Care and Early Help to schools in a 'Hub Model'.

- Each school, nursery school and the College will be allocated a hub and specific briefing sessions.
- The briefings will all be undertaken remotely and will all take place between 10 and 11am.
- The Safeguarding Lead from each school, nursery school and the College will be expected to attend the first session which will be an introduction to the toolkits and how they are to be used.
- The Safeguarding Lead will be sent an invite to the session by email. Can you please ensure that you send the name and the correct email address to contactandreferralteam@halton.gov.uk so that this can be organised in advance.
- The second session will be optional, as this will be focused on checking how things have been going and provide support if any difficulties have come to light. Only if the Safeguarding Lead needs to discuss anything further do they need to attend.
- The Toolkits will be sent through to schools, nursery schools and the College in advance of the briefing sessions so that the Safeguarding Lead can familiarise themselves with the information.

Following the first session and from that point onwards, schools, nursery schools and the College will be expected to use the toolkits.

It is therefore important that all safeguarding leads and deputy safeguarding leads are familiar with these new materials as referrals to iCART will not be accepted without this evidence.

Hub	Schools		Session 1	Session 2
1	OBA Brookvale St Martin's Gorsewood Murdishaw West	Palacefields OLMOS Bridgewater Park Hallwood Cavendish	15 th June	6 th July
2	Sandymoor St Chads Moore St Berteline's Windmill Hill	Daresbury Woodside St Edward's The Holy Spirit	16 th June	7 th July
3	The Grange The Bridge Castleview Astmoor The Brow	Runcorn All Saints St Augustine's Halton Lodge Westfield	17 th June	13 th July
4	The Heath Pewithall Weston Victoria Road Beechwood	Weston Point Hillview St Clement's St Mary's	18 th June	14 th July
5	Sts Peter and Paul St John Fisher Moorfield St Gerard's OLOPS	Widnes Academy Farnworth Ashley Chesnut Lodge Riverside College	19 th June	15 th July
6	OCA Ditton Oakfield St Basil's St Michael's with St Thomas	All Saints Upton St Michael's Halebank Hale Ditton Nursery	22 nd June	16 th July
7	Wade Deacon Fairfield Farnworth Lunt's Heath St Bede's Infants	St Bede's Junior Simms Cross Birchfield Nursery Warrington Rd Nursery Brookfields	23 rd June	17 th July