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Governors' Conference 2026

Friday 16 October 2026

9:00am – 1:00pm

Cranage Hall

Byley Lane, Holmes Chapel
Cheshire CW4 8EW

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Our annual half-day conference provides governors and trustees with an opportunity to network, whilst receiving updates on both national educational developments and key local authority initiatives.

The recent changes to Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSiE 2026) reflect the DfE's strengthened focus on safeguarding. Therefore, this year, our keynote speaker will be **Dr. Peter Buzzi**, Director of Digital Safeguarding UK. Peter will share the latest considerations around online risks to children and how governors can best support their school's safeguarding practices.

Full programme details to follow shortly.

Bookings are now open and can be made via Governor Hub or by emailing schoolgovernance@cheshireeast.gov.uk

Conference costs:

1 x **FREE** delegate place per CE school/academy/MAT board

An additional free delegate place is available to schools that have purchased the CE Governor CPD Training package for 2026-27.

Additional delegate places for non-buy-back schools will be charged at £40 per delegate.

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09:00	Arrival & Refreshments
09:30	**Welcome & LA update:** *Helen Wallace, Director of Education, Skills and Inclusion*
10:10	**Keynote:** Tackling Online Harms affecting Children *Dr Peter Buzzi, Digital Safeguarding UK*
11.10	Coffee Break
11.30	**LA Focus:** Best Start to Life programme *Kirsty Brudenell & Tracy Turner, Family Hub Leads*
12.00	**Trauma-Informed:** A whole school approach *Beverley Goodwin, Safeguarding and Learning Programme Development Manager at Visyon*
12:30	**Mental Health in Schools:** Hearts & Minds *John Frankland, Headteacher at Rode Heath Primary School*
13:00	Close

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