

Wokingham Virtual School Conference 2026

The Wokingham Virtual School Conference, held on 7th July 2026, brought together education professionals, designated teachers, school leaders, social care colleagues and partners. Every day, the children we serve remind us why our work matters. Behind every attendance figure, exam result or plan is a child whose future can be changed by the right adult, at the right time.

Since September 2025, the landscape for vulnerable children and young people has continued to evolve significantly. The extension of Virtual School responsibilities to children with a social worker, children in kinship care and previously looked after children has reinforced the importance of education as a protective factor and placed a greater emphasis on effective partnership working across education, social care and wider services.

The theme of the Virtual School Conference was “Tools for Schools: Empowering Practice, Championing Every Child,” it focused on practical strategies, relational approaches and improving educational experiences for every child so that they have the opportunity to thrive.

A particular highlight was the keynote session ‘Tools for Schools’ delivered by Luke Rogers MBE, CEO of The Care Leaders. Luke shared practical approaches that support safer learning environments, stronger relationships and everyday practice that helps young people feel understood, regulated and ready to thrive.

Becca Dove, Head of the Camden Centre for Relational Practice and Children and Learning Transformation at the London Borough of Camden, led interactive sessions on Relational Practice Essentials. Through a participatory approach, Becca introduced delegates to key principles of relational practice, exploring how curiosity, compassion and relational values can be embedded within everyday educational practice.

The event concluded with updates from the Virtual School team on training opportunities and Personal Education Plan (PEP) developments, reinforcing Wokingham Virtual School's ongoing commitment to supporting schools and improving outcomes for its children and young people.



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