

Redbridge is doing some exciting work with Out of School Settings in the Borough

Many children and young people attend a variety of out of schools settings and activities, often without their parents' or carers' supervision. These settings provide an important service to children in our community with opportunities to gain useful skills, make new friendships and improve their physical, social and emotional wellbeing.

Out of School Settings are varied and range from sport, arts, language, learning a musical instrument, joining a youth organisation, such as scouts and guides, doing extra maths and English in a tuition centre and education in their own faith.

Redbridge recognises the many exemplary providers who create positive and safe environments for children to flourish, engage in new activities, and interact with their peers, but we want to ensure that ALL Out of School Settings are a safe place for children to be, regardless of what activity they are participating in.

Parents and Carers – Safety first

Coaches, tutors, religious leaders and all other providers involved in Out of School Settings **have an over-riding responsibility to protect and safeguard children and young people from the risk of harmful practices.**

Here are some useful questions for you to consider asking a provider:

- do all the staff/volunteers have a valid Disclosure Baring Service check (DBS)?
- who has overall responsibility for safeguarding and may I/we have a copy of your safeguarding policy?
- are the premises safe, for example are fire notices displayed?
- who is responsible for first aid?
- is there a parental consent and emergency contact form that I/we need to complete?
- are the necessary building insurances in place, in date and available on request?

You may wish to sit in on a session, to satisfy yourself that it is a safe environment before determining sending your child to a particular Out of School Setting.



Responsibilities for Out of School providers – Safety first

It is great that so many Providers and Volunteers in Out of School Settings give up their free time to offer experiences and pass on their skills to Children and Young people, all of whom have an obligation to ensure that those in their care are offered a safe and comfortable environment in which to learn and have fun.

Providers also have responsibility towards the people who work for them whether they are employed or voluntary, in addition to offering clear guidance and protection against possible allegations of misconduct.

As Out of School Settings includes a wide range of activities and ages the arrangements for keeping children and young people safe will vary. As a **minimum standard** Out of School Settings should have:

A safeguarding policy
(including online and digital safety)

Health and safety procedures
including insurances and fire safety

DBS checks for staff and volunteers

GDPR compliance

Complaints procedure

We want to help providers achieve best practice, we all have to work together to ensure we have children's safety and wellbeing at the forefront of all activities.

Please contact us to see what Training packages we have on offer and for dates of our drop-in sessions to help you get the best out of your setting.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Visit www.redbridge.gov.uk and search **Out of School Settings**

Email OOSS@Redbridge.gov.uk

Tel **07808 861 646**

If you feel that a child or young person is at risk of harm, please call the police on **999** for an immediate response. Alternatively, you can contact your local police on **101** at any time.

If your concern does not require immediate action, please contact the **Redbridge Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)**.

They can be contacted

Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm **020 8708 3885**

Out of office - evenings from 5pm and weekends **020 8708 5897**

Email cpat.referrals@redbridge.gov.uk

*An Out of School Settings **does not** include schools or colleges registered by the Department for Education and **are not required** to be registered by any statutory organisation. **There are no regulations governing many out of school activities**, unless it is an Ofsted registered childcare provision, in which case it must adhere to the statutory requirements of its Ofsted registration.

*Out of School Setting is any institution providing tuition, training, instruction or activities to children aged under 18 in England without their parents' or carers' supervision that is not a school, college, 16-19 academy, early years provider (for children under 8) or registered childcare provider; and otherwise regulated under education law.