

OUT OF SCHOOL SETTINGS

Parents and Carers play a vital role in supporting their children and young people who attend any activity outside of school hours, otherwise known as an Out-of-School-Setting. Whilst many settings provide safe environments, this vast sector is still largely unregulated without a legal framework to check on quality and safety.

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, private tutors, Supplementary Schools and education in children's own faith, all of which are attended without a child's parent or carer.

Safety first Coaches, tutors, religious leaders and all other providers involved in Out of School Settings have an over-riding moral responsibility to protect and safeguard children and young people from the risk of harmful practices. If you are worried that your child is being abused or put at risk during any activity, it is vital that you address your concerns.

Always check that your provider has updated procedures in place, this will help you follow the process and help make a report.

As a **minimum standard ALL** Out of School Settings should have the following policies and procedures in place, these are designed to help you whilst keeping your child and young person safe:

A safeguarding policy
including online and digital safety

Health and safety procedures
including insurances and fire safety

Current DBS checks for staff and volunteers

GDPR compliance

Complaints procedure



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 and you have a concern about a child and would like to seek advice regarding child abuse or neglect, please contact the Redbridge Child Protection Assessment Team (CPAT). Referrals can be made over the phone or via email:

Email cpat.referrals@redbridge.gov.uk

Telephone **020 8708 3885** (open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm)

Out of hours telephone **020 8708 5897**

Or contact:

NSPCC **0808 800 5000** or visit www.nspcc.org.uk

Crimestoppers **0800 555 111** Anonymously, or visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org

The Government has released guidance to help parents and carers choose safe out-of-school settings
Information for parents choosing an after school club, community activity or tuition (www.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.

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