

YOU WOULDN'T

ALLOW YOUR CHILD TO BE
HIT IN SCHOOL



GIVE YOUR CREDIT CARD
TO A **STRANGER...**



GET ON A TRAIN **WITHOUT**
CHECKING THE DESTINATION



CROSS THE ROAD
WITHOUT CHECKING



Safe after School

Advice for parents and carers:

Choosing clubs, activities or personal tuition for children.

ASK
THE
RIGHT
QUESTIONS ?

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We all know that clubs, classes and tutorial sessions offer great ways for children and young people to develop their skills and confidence as well as having fun...

...but with so many stories in the media about inappropriate behaviour and abuse perpetrated by adults in a position of trust - how can we be certain that our kids will be happy and protected?

This leaflet will help you to ask the right questions about the safeguards that every provider should have in place and explains what to look out for, what to ask and what to do if you have any concerns.

Choosing a club, tutor or coach for your child? **Make sure to ask these important safety questions**

- Can I stay to observe the sessions?
- Can I read your policy on safeguarding children?
- Can I read your health and safety policy?
- What emergency procedures do you have in place?
- Can I have a copy of your code of conduct for staff, volunteers and for children?
- Are all staff trained in safeguarding and first aid?
- Who do I speak to if I have any concerns?
- Do you have a child safeguarding page on your website, or a leaflet or information sheet that I can read?

Some things are too important to rely on trust.

It is important that parents understand that there is no regulation around certain types of activities with children. Even people who have committed criminal offences can legally continue to work some roles, e.g. children's entertainer, private tutor.

As a parent or carer you play a very important role in protecting your child.

Planning to send them to an out of school club or activity?

- Do you know who is helping out?
- Are children safe in their care?
- How will your child be protected?

Please don't simply assume that the provision will be safe.

Ask the right questions

High quality clubs and organisations will always welcome questions about their activities, the safety of their environment and care of your child.



For more information go to:

rbscb.org/parents-carers/choosing-a-club-tutor-or-other-out-of-school-activity-for-your-child/

Remember:

You have the right to check that the club or activity that your child attends is safe and secure.

To report concerns about behaviour please contact lado@rochdale.gov.uk or if a child is at risk or in immediate danger call 101 or 999

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