



ARE YOU...

- Educating Children Outside of School?
- Looking for a Private Tutor to help with exams or music?

CHILD PROTECTION WHEN EDUCATING CHILDREN OTHER THAN IN A SCHOOL

In accordance with Government guidelines, Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Board (GSCB) is responsible for ensuring that teachers and non-teaching staff, including volunteers (according to role – see new definition of regulated activity https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/550197/Regulated_activity_in_relation_to_children.pdf in schools and other educational settings are properly checked by the Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) and have received training in all aspects of Child Protection and Safeguarding. However, we have no control over private individuals such as tutors or subject teachers who are not registered with a school or recognised club.

If you have taken the decision to educate your child other than in a school, or you are looking for a private tutor to help at exam time or for music tuition, the following questions might help you to establish whether the tutor, individual or group are working inside GSCB guidelines:

- Does the individual who will be with your child hold an enhanced DBS Certificate?
- Are you able to see the certificate and its date? – DBS checks do not run out but should be re-done every time someone changes jobs or if they have had a break in service of more than 3 months. In either of these cases, a new DBS check would be required and you can insist the individual working with your child does have an enhanced disclosure before employing them.

- If the individual has not had a DBS check but you feel they are right to help your child, are you able to minimise risk by ensuring they are not left alone with your child?
- Is the individual aware of the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Procedures? These can be found at www.gscb.org.uk
- If enrolling your child in a group, does the group have a Designated Safeguarding Lead or someone responsible for ensuring that children are safe? Has this person had any training and are they aware of the GSCB procedures?
- Does the group have a Child Protection or Safeguarding Policy? If so, ask for a copy. If not, what steps would they take if such an issue arose?
- Talk to your child on a regular basis about his or her relationship with the tutor.
- Be aware that any adult can present a risk to your child.

Further information about DBS checks can be found on the DBS website on <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/disclosure-and-barring-service>.

If you have any questions about electively home educating your child (taking full responsibility for educating your child yourself) you can contact the Education, Entitlement and Inclusion Service on 01452 427800. If you have any questions about wider Child Protection or Safeguarding issues, you can access the website on www.gscb.org.uk or contact the Safeguarding Children Service on 01452 426994.

For immediate Child Protection concerns contact the Children & Families Front Door on 01452 426565 during office hours or the Police on 101 out of office hours.