

Tell us about your Out of School Setting

Our focus is primarily on safeguarding children and young people but we also want to support adults who are employed or volunteer at an OOSS.

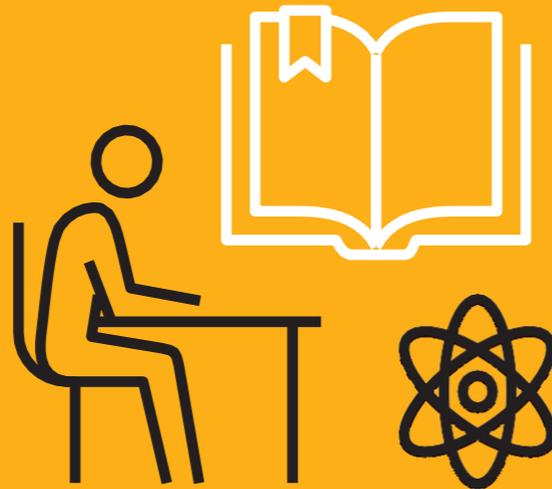
To effectively do this we need to know the OOSS we have in our city so that we can offer them support, advice and training if necessary. For example staff may benefit from updated information regarding legislation and their responsibilities when working with children and young people.



Birmingham City Council's offer to Out of School Settings

If you work with us you will be offered:

- safeguarding training for staff and volunteers
- Unicef training around the Rights of the Child
- training from the University of Birmingham – course is entitled Leading Learning in Diverse Settings
- a safeguarding toolkit to help improve your practices
- support to improve your premises to meet appropriate statutory and regulatory standards
- advice on any other relevant issues and concerns



Get in touch

We would like to know about your OOSS so that we can work together to support the wellbeing of children and young people in our city.

Please contact the Out of School Settings Team to see how we can best support you and your setting.

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Out of School Settings



What is an Out of School Setting?

An Out of School Setting (OOSS) is an organisation which provides tuition, training, instruction, or activities to children and young people in England without their parents' or carers' supervision and is outside mainstream school provision. This does not include schools or colleges registered by the Department for Education or care providers registered with Ofsted (for children under eight years) or a childminder agency.

OOSS generally operate outside normal school hours (i.e. evenings, weekends, school holidays) although some run part-time during schools hours to help meet the needs of those in home education.

OOSS can occur in many kinds of venue, from a person's home to much larger and more formal places such as community and youth centres, sports clubs and places of worship.

The following are examples of out of school settings, though this is not meant to be a complete list:

- tuition centres, learning centres (which may be used to support mainstream or home education) e.g. examination preparation (i.e. SATs, GCSE, A Level and 11+/school exam entry)
- supplementary schools (sometimes called complementary schools)
- extracurricular clubs or settings, e.g. ballet or music classes, drama or sports classes
- uniformed youth organisations, e.g. the Scouts and Guides, Cadet services
- open access youth providers, e.g. centre-based and detached youth work
- private language schools, including those for children coming from abroad
- religious settings which offer education in their own faith

Aims of an Out of School Setting

Birmingham City Council values the role of Out of School Settings as they provide education, beneficial learning opportunities and activities that children and young people enjoy. This upholds Article 29 (goals of education) of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) which states: "Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment."

OOSS do a great job of providing children and young people a chance to get involved in a range of activities such as arts, language, music, sports and faith.

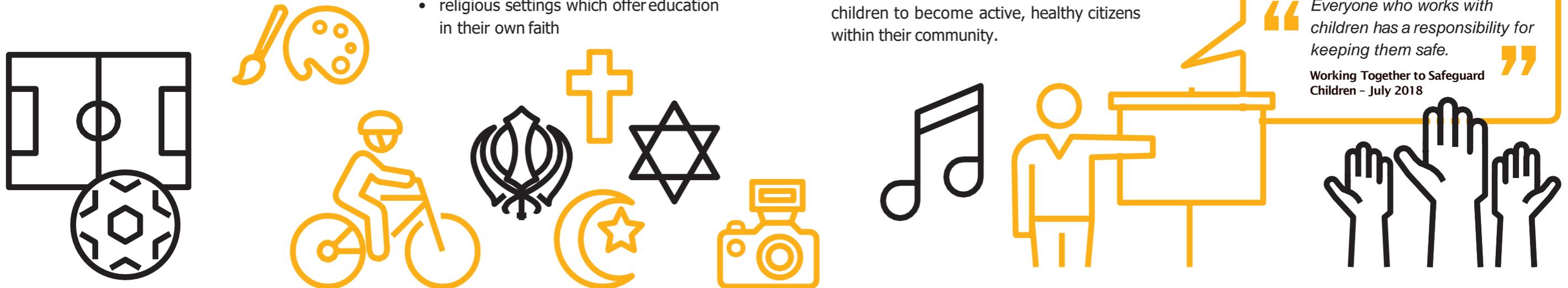
Some of the many benefits OOSS provide include improving cultural awareness, building self-esteem and encouraging our children to become active, healthy citizens within their community.

Staying safe

Birmingham City Council wants to ensure that every Out of School Setting is a safe place for our children and young people to be. There are numerous examples of excellent local practice and the council is working to ensure we keep all children and young people safe by:

- making sure all OOSS premises are safe
- making sure all staff including volunteers are suitable to work with children and young people.

If you have concerns about the safety and/or welfare of a child or young person telephone CASS on 0121 303 1888. In an emergency where a child's safety is at immediate risk of significant harm, contact West Midlands Police on 999.



“ Everyone who works with children has a responsibility for keeping them safe. ”
Working Together to Safeguard Children - July 2018