

# Tell us about your OOSS

Whilst our focus is on children and young people we also want to support adults working or volunteering at an out of school setting (OOSS), to ensure both are safe and secure. For example, staff might benefit from updated information regarding legislation and their responsibilities when working with children and young people.

We would like to know what out of school setting provision is on offer in Hammersmith & Fulham council. This will therefore enable us to signpost support, advice and training sessions for staff and volunteers.

## What Hammersmith & Fulham council can offer OOSS and the wider community

1. FREE training in relation to keeping young people safe and advice for staff.
2. The option to apply for small grants and access to free advice.
3. Awareness workshops and advice to parents/carers to help them to make informed decisions when considering using an out of school setting(OOSS).
4. Your OOSS will be featured on a specific page within the Hammersmith & Fulham council's website.
5. A voluntary kite/quality mark - Bronze level.
6. All staff and volunteers can access the DBS service through Hammersmith & Fulham Volunteer Centre.

# Get in Touch

Hammersmith & Fulham council look forward to hearing from and working with the widest range of OOSS Providers and parents, so that we can work together to keep our young people safe and secure and make the most of the valuable opportunities OOSS offer.

## Next steps:

- If you are an out of school setting, (OOSS) all staff and volunteers can access the DBS service through Hammersmith & Fulham council.
- If you are a parent / carer or an individual in the community.

Please get in touch and we will discuss with you how best to support you or your organisation.

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**OUT OF SCHOOL SETTINGS**

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# Staying Safe

Hammersmith & Fulham council want to ensure that all Out of School Settings (OOSS) are a safe place for our young people, regardless of whether they are doing extra mathematics at the tuition centre up the road, or playing football at a local sports centre.

Currently, while there is lots of excellent local practice, Hammersmith & Fulham council is working to ensure we keep all young people safe by:

- Ensuring all premises are safe.
- Ensuring all staff including volunteers are suitable to work with young people.

Hammersmith & Fulham Council want to support all OOSS in ensuring that young people are safe and that their well being is a top priority.



# What is an OOSS?

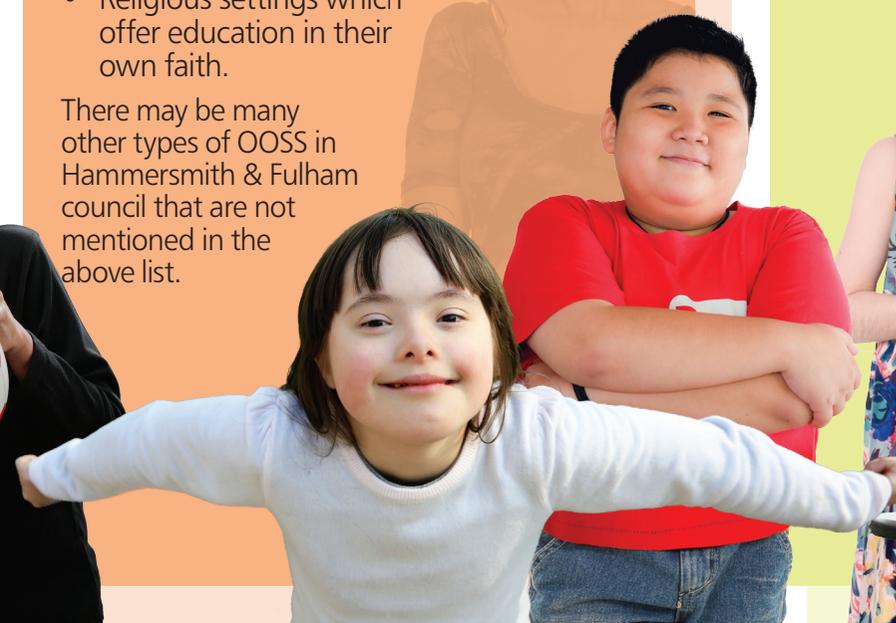
An Out of School Setting (OOSS), is an institution / setting which provides tuition, training, instruction, or activities to children in England without their parents' or carers' supervision.

This does not include schools or colleges registered by the DfE.

## Some examples of OOSS are:

- Tuition centres and 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.

There may be many other types of OOSS in Hammersmith & Fulham council that are not mentioned in the above list.



# What OOSS DO

Many young people participate in some form of organised activity outside of school at some point during their primary and secondary school years.

OOSS do a great job providing young people with a range of activities in many subjects including arts, language, music, sport and religion.

OOSS offer an important service to young people. Some of the many benefits include improving cultural awareness, building self-esteem, and encouraging our children to become active citizens within their community.

