

Keeping Supplementary Education Safe and Effective



Supplementary education includes all non-statutory provision for children and young people in a setting outside of mainstream school.

It is not an alternative to mainstream education in your local school but provides extra support in core curriculum subjects (Maths, English, Science, etc.) and/or languages, faith and culture.

Supplementary education is sometimes called complementary education. In different communities it may include provision such as Saturday or Sunday School, mother tongue classes or homework club. Within faith contexts it may be the madrassah, children's club or Bible study group.

It may be provided by local faith groups, black or minority ethnic communities or voluntary agencies. It may be delivered in a community or formal setting or in someone's home. Many supplementary schools offer additional activities such as drama, dancing, singing and sports.

There is much exemplary practice within the supplementary education sector, and many providers are aware of the need to have strong safeguarding and child protection procedures in place.

Staff in supplementary schools are often volunteers and those managing them may also do so on a voluntary basis. Putting in place safeguarding and child protection procedures can seem complex and time consuming.

There is help available and most of it is free of charge.



Your first point of call is your **Local Safeguarding Children Board**. They provide advice, training, policies and all the local contact information you need to have displayed at your venue, to keep your pupils and parents informed.

Wandsworth Safeguarding Children Board

✉ wscb@wscb.org.uk

☎ (020) 8871 7401

🖱 www.wscb.org.uk



For support in running your supplementary school or group, including how to have an effective management committee, advice on safe recruitment of volunteers, guidance in raising funds and building local partnerships, contact your local Volunteering organisation.

Volunteering Wandsworth

✉ 0300 365 9950

☎ enquiry@volunteeringwandsworth.org.uk

🖱 www.volunteeringwandsworth.org.uk

🐦 www.twitter.com/vwandsworth

📘 Volunteering Wandsworth

The **NSPCC** gives advice and support to children and young people through **Childline**

☎ 0800 1111 (available 24 hrs)

Make sure that this information is displayed in your supplementary school.

Safe Network offers guidance, templates and resources, as well as providing online training for community organisations working with children.

🌐 www.safenetwork.org.uk

Each borough police force has a dedicated child abuse investigation team (**CAIT**). If you have any concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child or young person, you should initially contact the duty & referral team at Children's Social Care.

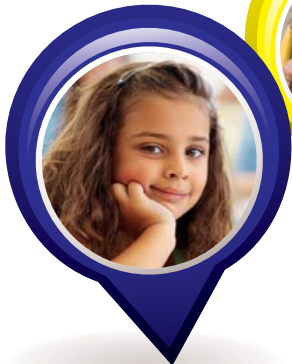
Children's Social Care

☎ (020) 8871 6622 (weekdays 9am to 5pm)

☎ (020) 8871 6000 (after 5pm and weekends)

✉ cssduty@wandsworth.gov.uk

In an emergency, always dial 999



For all provision that self-defines as a supplementary school, the **National Resource Centre for Supplementary Education** (NRCSE) runs a quality assurance scheme, the Quality Framework for Supplementary Schools, that helps organisations develop and promote good practice.


 www.supplementaryeducation.org.uk

 (020) 7697 4055

For mosque-based supplementary education and madrassahs, **Faith Associates** have a specific resource to help you implement the best safeguarding practice in your classes.


Visit their website

 www.faithassociates.co.uk

 08452 733 903



Your staff and volunteers can access free safeguarding training by registering with **Wandsworth Training & Professional Development Online.**

 www.wandsworthtpd.org.uk

**Remember, it is
EVERYONE'S responsibility
to safeguard and promote
the welfare of children
and young people**



For further advice and information
visit our website:
www.wscb.org.uk