

Parents / Carers

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Dear Parents / Carers

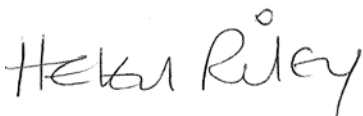
Safeguarding children is a priority and we are aware there is some confusion around private tutoring and DBS (Disclosure and Barring Scheme).

Many tutoring agencies will insist on an up-to-date check on all their staff and will provide evidence on request from you. There presently is no legal requirement to have a DBS certificate for someone offering private tuition. The vast majority of people who tutor children have the best of intentions and present no risk. The NSPCC has set out some advice around choosing a suitable tutor and following up references.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/fighting-for-childhood/news-opinion/criminal-record-loophole-private-tutors-must-close/>

We appreciate that there are a number of children accessing extra tuition and this can be valuable in their overall development. Children have the right to be educated in safety and as parents to be confident in the tutor.

Yours faithfully

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