

# TOTAL TRUST IN TUTORS?



You may look to a tutor to assist in improving your child's educational development. If this is the case we have put together some guidance around choosing a tutor and supporting you into keeping your child safe after school.

## DO'S...

- DO** check the tutors qualifications
- DO** undertake background checks, including reference from last employer
- DO** speak to other parents who provide recommendations
- DO** ensure the sessions take place at your home and are visible to you
- DO** make sure you and your child feel comfortable with the tutor
- DO** challenge any practice you feel is inappropriate or harmful
- DO** make sure any communication from the tutor goes through you and not your child
- DO** do maintain boundaries - tutors are professionals you are paying for a service

## DON'TS...

- DON'T** assume the tutor has had background checks
- DON'T** ignore if your child says they are not happy with the tutor
- DON'T** leave your child alone with tutors whilst you are out / not around
- DON'T** accept the tutor's word; ask to see evidence of qualifications
- DON'T** allow your child and tutor to have each others their personal number / email / social media
- DON'T** allow your child to meet the tutor outside of sessions
- DON'T** accept practice or behaviour from the tutor that you feel is harmful, unsafe or unprofessional

**DON'T** accept that a DBS check means someone is safe to work with children, if something does not feel right you should check or report:

- Communicate with your child
- Share information with the Local Authority Designated officer (LADO)
- Report concerns to the police

 [rochdale.gov.uk/SafeAfterSchool](http://rochdale.gov.uk/SafeAfterSchool)

