



## Abbey Gymnastics Code of Conduct for Parents, Guardians and Carers



We are fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the wellbeing of all our members. The club believes that members, coaches, administrators, and parents, guardians or carers associated with the club should always show respect and understanding for the safety and welfare of others. Therefore, parents, guardians or carers are encouraged and asked to be open at all times and share any complaints or concerns they may have about any aspect of the club with Coaches and/or with the Designated Welfare Officer, Michele Cowan.

Parents, guardians and carers are an integral part of the safe and smooth running of Abbey Gymnastics C.I.C. As a parent, guardian or carer we ask that you:

- Encourage your child to know the rules and the Gymnasts Code of Conduct and participate within them.
- Please ensure your child is fit to partake in gymnastics activity. Any child having had sickness or diarrhoea should refrain from training for 48 hours.
- Never force your child to take part in sport nor belittle them for mistakes or poor performance.
- Where your child is representing Abbey Gymnastics at events or competitions, publicly accept officials' judgements and scores, set a good example by applauding the good performances of all and encourage good sportsmanship.
- Help your child to recognise good performance, not just results and support your child's involvement and help them to enjoy the sport.
- Always ensure your child is dressed appropriately and has plenty to drink.
- Keep the club informed of any injuries or illness that may affect their safe participation in the session.
- Ensure payments of training fees, competition fees & annual insurance are paid on time. Failure to do so may result in the gymnast being excluded from training.
- Endeavour to establish and maintain good communications with the club.
- Share any concerns or complaints about any aspect of the club with the coach, Head Coach or the Designated Welfare Officer, Michele Cowan.
- Behave respectfully to coaches, gymnasts and other parents, guardians or carers using correct and proper language at all times.
- Parents, guardians or carers should bring their child/children to the drop off point on time for the start of class and come to collect them promptly at the end of class. Children will be handed back by a coach at the end of the session. Please do not leave children unsupervised. It is the responsibility of the parent, guardian or carer to look after their child until the class commences, and then immediately following the end of the class.
- If you want your child to make their own way home, they must be at least in Year 10 at school and your written consent must have been received and acknowledged via email by the Designated Welfare Officer, Michele Cowan – [welfare@abbeygymnastics.com](mailto:welfare@abbeygymnastics.com) In no circumstances will a child be allowed to leave alone.
- Never take photos or videos without the consent of the Head Coach. All photos and recorded images must only be for personal use and cannot be shared on social media without the consent of all parents of gymnasts who feature in the photo.
- Please do not enter the gym unless specifically requested to do so by the coach.
- Please leave the foyer/spectator area clean and tidy.
- Please avoid any behaviour that could be perceived as intimidating. This includes threatening, bullying and bringing the club or its coaches into disrepute.
- Parents, guardians or carers must ensure that all changes in contact and emergency details are brought to the attention of the Office Manager and all updates must be provided in writing.
- Parents, guardians and carers are kindly requested to make sure that children do not bring items of value to the gym as Abbey Gymnastics cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen items.
- **If a parent, guardian or carer arrives to collect a child and there is a concern that their ability to take appropriate care of the child may be impaired (e.g. the parent, guardian or carer is considered to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs to the extent that she/he is unfit to drive, and/or take care of the child) the club will seek advice from the Police or the Health & Social Care Trust Gateway Team.**