



Code of Conduct
for
Parents/Guardians

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Executive Summary

Chelmsford Karate are committed to upholding the very best standards of safeguarding for all its members and staff. This document forms part of the clubs safeguarding policies and procedures.

Note: Where this document refers to 'parents' we mean parents and carers inclusively. The term 'children' or 'child' describes any person under the age of 18.

Purpose of This Document

This document outlines the steps every parent should take to ensure the practice of karate is both safe and fun for everyone.

Your Responsibilities

As a parent of a student at our club, we'd like you to

The Essentials

- Make sure your child has the right kit for the session as well as enough water
- Try to make sure your child arrives to sessions on time and is picked up promptly; or let us know if you're running late or if your child is going home with someone else
- Complete all consent, contact and medical forms and update us straight away if anything changes
- Maintain a good relationship with your child's coach or trainer and catch up with them as much as you can about your child's development
- Talk to us if you have any concerns about any part of your child's involvement - we want to hear from you

Behaviour

- Try and learn about your child's sport and what means to them take the time to talk to your child about what you both want to achieve through sport
- Remember that children get a wide range of benefits from participating in sport, like making friends, getting exercise, and developing skills. It's not all about wins and losses
- Listen when your child says they don't want to do something
- Behave positively when spectating
- Think about how the way you react and behave effects not just your child but other children too
- Encourage your child to respect and celebrate difference in the club lead by example when it comes to positive behaviour when spectating; or let other parents take their cues from you, as well as from us
- Accept the instructor's judgment
- Use social media responsibly when talking about what goes on at our club, by behaving in the same way online as you would in person
- Talk to your child about embracing good etiquette and sportsmanship
- Ensure that your child understands their code of conduct
- Photography and or taking videos in the club strictly is forbidden unless the instructor gives permission
- Mobile phones must be on silent when in the hall

Your Rights

As a parent, we understand you have the right to:

- Be assured that your child is safeguarded during their time with us
- See any of our policies and procedures at any time
- Know who the welfare officer responsible for your child is and have their contact details
- Be involved and contribute towards decisions within the club or activity
- Know what training and qualifications our staff have
- Be informed of problems or concerns relating to your child
- Know what happens if there's an accident or injury, be informed if your child is injured and see records of any accidents
- Have your consent sought for anything outside of our initial consent form, such as permission to go on trips or photography
- Have any concerns about any aspect of your child's welfare listened to and responded to

Declaration

We expect all parents to follow the behaviours and requests set out in this code. If any parent behaves in a way which contradicts any of the points set out above, we'll address the problem straight away with the parent and aim to resolve the issue.

Persistent concerns or breaches may result in parents being asked not to attend classes if their attendance is considered a risk to the welfare and enjoyment of young participants.

Continued issues and repeated breaches of this code may result in us regrettably asking your child to leave the club permanently, something we never want to do

Signature of young person:

Signature of parent:

Date: