

Hurstpierpoint Gymnastics Club

Mobile Phones Policy

Policy for appropriate use of Mobile Phones & Social Media

This policy forms part of our Safeguarding Policy and includes the use of Mobile phones, cameras, recording devices & social networking sites.

All personal mobile phones should be turned off on entry to the centre whilst children are on premises and being cared for by Gym Club.

As an organisation we have data protection requirements in place however we cannot police individuals outside the Gym Club regarding their private use of Facebook or other social networking sites with regard to displaying photos, videos or comments. Therefore regrettably we are unable to allow any private photos/videoing at any Gym Club events. An exception will be made for competition presentations, though these images should only be used by the family and not shared on social media. Particular care should be taken where images include children other than the user's family.

We appreciate that in the case of public displays, parents will have deemed to have given permission for their children to perform in public and the consequent likelihood of being photographed and filmed.

All individuals who attend any session at the Gym Club will be required to turn off their mobile phones/cameras/all types of recording devices while in the Centre. This includes staff, parent/carer helpers and all visitors. No recording devices may be kept on your person but should be kept in personal bags to avoid any photographs or videos being taken of children. The exception will be photographs taken with the agreement of the lead coach for record keeping and coaching purposes. In order to respect the privacy of our children, parents, and staff, we request that no comments regarding the children in our care, the staff that work at Gym Club or confidential medical information are to be placed on Facebook or other social networking sites by any parents/carers or staff members or volunteer helpers. If we become aware of any derogatory comments about the care that our setting provides appearing on Social Media, it may result in procedures being taken to remove a child from the Club.

Our Hurstpierpoint Gymnastics Club website is managed by the Lead Coach and does not have photos of children on it. It is used as a means of communicating fundraising events, termly activities and important information related to Gym Club.

For emergency contact, the Club will maintain a mobile phone at the Centre for the dual purpose of telephoning parents when necessary and for the use of parents and coaches families who are in need of emergency assistance from a coach.

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