



Dorchester Youth Theatre Code of Conduct

In order to have the freedom to be creative we need to feel happy and safe in a trusting, focused atmosphere.

These are our rules:

1. Arrive with a positive attitude and participate fully. Please be punctual as late arrivals will disrupt the session and is unfair on other members.
2. Be Committed. Make every effort to attend each session, as this has an impact on the work we do if people don't turn up. If, for whatever reason you can't make it to a rehearsal, please let the Director know.
3. Dress appropriately to participate in drama activities. Due to the nature of our work, all our workshops are physical activities; please ensure you wear appropriate clothing and footwear.
4. Respect each other. Listen to workshop leaders and each other. Concentrate, focus and work as a team.
5. **We are unable to accept:**
 - Inconsiderate or offensive behaviour
 - Verbal abuse, including swearing, racist or sexual language
 - Bullying
 - Smoking and illegal substance abuse, including alcohol
 - Poor time keeping
6. DYT has adopted a smoke free policy when working with young people. All buildings and grounds under DYT's control are smoke free zones.
7. Safety is of paramount importance. You will be expected to act in a responsible manner at all times, and abide by any safety regulations in place.

8. Students should remain on the premises for the duration of the sessions. If students decide to leave the premises temporarily during the sessions, DYT cannot take responsibility for their actions or safety whilst not being supervised.
9. Please treat the property of others with care and respect. Look after your own property, you are advised not to bring anything with you of great value, either sentimental or financial. Bring with you the bare essentials, especially for performances. Changing areas are often small and tight, it is very easy for things to go missing.
10. Mobile phones should be **switched off** during the sessions.

In the event of any student's continuous bad or disruptive behaviour, the following procedures may be taken:

Verbal warning- Given by the Youth Theatre Director

Written warning- Given by the Youth Theatre Director and endorsed by the DYT Steering Committee.

Expulsion- Given by the DYT Steering Committee

In addition to our constitution and to ensure our young people are safe, DYT operates the following policies:

Safeguarding

Anti- Bullying

Complaints procedure

Data Protection

Health and Safety

Equal opportunities

All these are policies are available to view on the website:

www.dorchyouththeatre.co.uk