



Parent / Carer responsibilities

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A Karate parent or carers responsibilities include:

Ensuring their child arrives on time and is prepared for class, upholding respectful behaviour during training and communicating any health concerns to the instructor. Policies also require parents to respect the dojo's rules and support a positive learning environment.

Before and during class

Ensure preparedness: Ensure students arrive before the start of class and are ready to begin class at the correct time and wearing clean and correct club uniform with badge and have sparring equipment. Students arriving late miss the essential warm up and may not be able to train. Ensure jewellery and watches are removed or covered.

Communicate health information: Inform the instructor of any existing and new medical conditions, allergies, injuries, or if your child is feeling unwell.

Respect dojo rules: Follow all rules, such as not entering the training floor while class is in session or speaking to instructors in a disrespectful way.

Maintain appropriate behaviour: Act with integrity and respect at all times. Avoid using bad language, raising your voice, or criticising others.

Supervise outside of class: Take full responsibility for your child outside of the training period and ensure they are not left at the dojo without an instructor present.

Supporting the learning environment

Promote a positive attitude: Encourage your child to participate and compete according to the rules and with good etiquette. Encourage and inspire all students to take pride in and value their performance and not just the results.

Treat all club members including (but not limited to) instructors, students, other parents / carers with the highest levels of respect.

Spectating: We do not normally allow spectators in class. We find that children are less distracted, make better progress and become more autonomous and independent karate students. This is in line with other sports activities and clubs.

Parents and carers are welcome to spectate when new young students might need support and encouragement, for the first 2 or 3 weeks. Of course, family and friends are always welcome to spectate at gradings and other special events.

Parents and carers wishing to spectate might consider joining the club and training in the family class.

Raise concerns appropriately: If you have any concerns, speak with the lead instructor at the end of class (unless genuinely urgent) rather than addressing issues publicly.

Respect privacy: Photography is not allowed at any time, apart from special occasions or gradings where photographs can be taken at the end.

All Parents and Carers must:

Comply with the current safe practice policy which can be found on the club website.