

Proteus Youth Theatre

CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP

Proteus Youth Theatre is an inclusive, safe environment for all and is a unique opportunity for young people to be part of an organisation producing professional touring theatre seen in venues across the UK and beyond. All our workshop leaders are theatre professionals, not teachers, and therefore we ask that all members are engaged, respectful and committed.

Please read this agreement thoroughly, as it details what is expected of your child as a member of the youth theatre group. By observing these conditions of membership, your child will have the best chance to develop their skills and technique and boost their confidence while, at the same time, having fun.

1. ATTENDANCE & COMMITMENT

- 1.1 Please ensure that your child arrives in good time for the start of the session, so that they are fully prepared to participate when the session begins. Late arrivals are distracting for both members and staff.
- 1.2 If your child cannot attend a workshop or rehearsal through illness or other issue beyond your control, you must inform Proteus in advance by calling 01256 354541. We will pass a message to the group leader, informing them of your child's absence.
- 1.3 If you know your child won't be able to commit to attending scheduled performances or technical rehearsals, it is vital that you inform the group leader before casting for the production is completed.
- 1.4 It is important that your child spends time outside of the weekly rehearsals learning their lines. To ensure your child gets the best direction from the group leader, make sure they learn their lines in good time and always by the deadline that's given to them.
- 1.5 Repeated absences of an unacceptable nature will result in expulsion from youth theatre and termination of your membership.

2. BEHAVIOUR

- 2.1 Your child is required to treat fellow members and staff members with courtesy and respect at all times. Disrespectful behaviour in any form, including via social media, will not be tolerated and will result in immediate expulsion from youth theatre and termination of your membership.
- 2.2 Your child must at all times listen to and follow instructions given by the group leader or other members of staff. Repeated failure to do so will lead to written warnings being issued to parents.
- 2.3 Bad language, disruptive or abusive behaviour or any action that may endanger your child or others around them will not be tolerated under any circumstances and will result in immediate expulsion from the group.
- 2.4 Possession or use of alcohol or illegal substances will result in immediate expulsion and termination of membership. In this event, the incident will be reported to the relevant authorities.
- 2.5 Your child will be expected to use and treat props, costumes, and all other equipment provided appropriately and with respect, this includes the Creation Space building.
- 2.6 If your child witnesses suspicious or inappropriate behaviour of any kind, please ensure they inform the group leader or senior staff member as soon as possible.

- 2.7 The use of mobile devices is prohibited unless explicit consent is given by the group leader. If there is reason your child may need to use their devices, please let the group leader know at the start of the session.

If your child's behaviour has given the Workshop Leader cause for concern, or matches the description of unacceptable behaviour as detailed in section 2, you will be sent an email after the session. Your child will be notified at the end of the session that this email will be sent, and that it constitutes the first of 3 written warnings. Failure to correct or cease from the behaviours outlined by the Workshop Leader for a fourth time will result in expulsion from the group.

Please note: any expulsion from Proteus Youth Theatre due to bad behaviour or continued unnotified absences during a term, will forfeit the right to a refund for the remainder of sessions in that term.

3 SAFETY AND SECURITY

- 3.1 Your child should avoid bringing valuable items of personal property to youth theatre. Proteus will not be held responsible for the loss or damage of possessions, regardless of cause.

4. GENERAL GUIDELINES

- 4.1 We recommend your child brings a drink to each session and wears loose, comfortable clothing.
- 4.2 Your child should have a pencil to hand so that they can make notes in their script.

5. COMMUNICATION, PARTICIPATION AND INCLUSION

- 5.1 Whilst we make every effort to be as inclusive as possible, young people must be able to communicate and participate commensurate with the level of the group in order for every participant to have the best experience.
- 5.2 All potential new members participate in 2 FREE trial sessions before committing to a term, giving the young person and group leaders the chance to assess if they enjoy the sessions and how they interact with the group.
- 5.2 As previously stated, all our workshop leaders are theatre professionals, not teachers, and do not have specialist training in SEN/ND provision, there may be some instances where the young person's needs unfortunately cannot be met within the current group dynamic.
- In these circumstances Proteus may decide, following the two trial sessions, that our Youth Theatre is not the most appropriate group for their needs. If your child has specific SEN/ND support needs, please contact us prior to joining to discuss whether Proteus Youth Theatre is the right fit for them, and arrange their trial sessions.