

THE COTSWOLD PLAYERS

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 17 AND UNDER

The society will ensure that:

- all children will be treated equally and with respect and dignity;
- the welfare of each child will always be put first;
- a balanced relationship based on mutual trust will be built which empowers the children to share in the decision-making process;
- enthusiastic and constructive feedback will be given rather than negative criticism;
- bullying will not be accepted or condoned;
- action will be taken to stop any inappropriate verbal or physical behaviour;
- it holds a register of every child involved with the society and retains a contact name and number close at hand in case of emergencies;
- parents and children are kept informed of rehearsal schedules and of any changes that may be required;
- parents are contacted before rehearsals start in order to obtain formal consent to their child taking part and their agreement to the society's Code of Conduct.

Parents agree that:

- children will attend rehearsals regularly at the appointed time;
- where children are unable to attend rehearsals for a valid reason, the director is contacted in advance to notify them of the situation;
- children are made aware of the requirements to comply with instructions from the director (during rehearsals), stage manager (during productions) and chaperones (throughout) which will ensure both their safety and the safety of others;
- where children are under the age of 12, a parent will enter the building to collect them at the end of a rehearsal or production;
- where children are aged between 12 and 17, a parent will give written authorization if they agree to their child/ren leaving the building for collection outside (see end of form).

Signed Name (please print)

Children agree that:

- they will attend rehearsals regularly and punctually;
- they will behave responsibly, following instructions which may be given to them by the director, stage manager or chaperone;
- they will treat others with respect and kindness;
- they will hand mobile phones to chaperones before performances and under no circumstances will they take photographs in changing rooms or backstage.
- (for those aged under 12) - they will remain in the building until collected by a parent at the end of a performance
- (for those aged between 12 and 17 with written authorization by a parent to leave the premises) – they will notify the chaperone before leaving.

Signed Name (please print)

Where children are between the ages of 12 and 17

I give consent for my child to leave the premises at the end of each performance, either for collection by car or to walk home as appropriate.

Signed

Name (please print)

Please return this completed form to the Safeguarding Officer