

Silverdale Village Players – Code of Conduct (Children/Parents)

Creating theatre together with kindness, respect, and fun.

Welcome to the Silverdale Village Players. We're a group of enthusiastic performers, creators, and supporters who come together to celebrate the joy of amateur theatre. To make sure everyone has a positive and safe experience, all child members and their parents/guardians are expected to follow this Code of Conduct.

1. Respect Each Other

- Treat fellow members, volunteers, and audience members with kindness and courtesy. This includes during rehearsals, performances and SVP social events.
- Listen to others and allow everyone to have their say.
- Be supportive, encouraging, and inclusive - everyone is here to have fun.

2. Give Your Best

- Work as part of the team to provide top quality entertainment for our audiences.
- Attend all of the rehearsals you are needed for unless previously agreed with the director. If you are too ill to attend, please let the Child Support Team Leader (Emma Chee) or Secretary (Viv Jones) silverdalevillageplayers@gmail.com know.
- Turn up to rehearsals and performances on time, ready to get started.
- Know your lines, cues, and responsibilities as per Director's instructions.
- Respect the time and effort others are putting in.

***Parents/Guardians:** Ensure your child attends all rehearsals they are required for, on time and ready to get started. Please help them practise any lines, songs and dances they need to know. Children will be required to stay until the end of rehearsals or the specified finishing time for children.*

3. Come Prepared

- Bring your script and a pencil to all rehearsals.
- Bring costumes when required.
- You are welcome to bring a book/homework/colouring etc for times when you are not needed on stage. This does not include any kind of electronic device e.g. iPad, laptop, electronic games. (For phones see section 8).
- Refreshments are provided free of charge. Do not bring snacks/sweets to rehearsals or performances.

4. Keep Things Safe

- Follow instructions from the Directors, Stage Manager and backstage crew.
- Use equipment, props, and costumes sensibly, safely and with care and as directed/advised.
- Report any hazards or unsafe behaviour to a member of the Child Support Team, the Director or Stage Manager.

***Parents/Guardians:** Sign your child/ren in and out of rehearsals. Child/ren must be collected by their parent/guardian unless written permission has been given for them to be transported by someone else.*

5. Be a Good Role Model

- Set a positive example for other younger members of SVP through respectful language and behaviour.
- Show maturity by listening, helping others, and following the Code of Conduct.

6. Respect the Space

- Leave rehearsal and performance areas tidy and as you found them.
- Take care of all property belonging to the group, venues, and each other.
- During rehearsals in the Gaskell Hall use the Green Room toilet.
- Only use the designated dressing room when dressing or changing costume.

7. No Bullying, Discrimination Or Inappropriate Physical Contact

- We do not tolerate bullying, harassment, or any form of discrimination.
- Inappropriate physical contact is not acceptable and will be taken seriously.
- If you feel uncomfortable or see someone else being treated unfairly, speak to one of the Child Support Team, Director or Stage Manager.

***Parents/Guardians:** If you become aware of a concern from a child, please pass this on to a member of the Child Support Team, Safeguarding Lead (Emma Chee) or the Chair (Muriel Hildrew)*

8. Follow Media/Device Rules

- Avoid bringing phones unless absolutely necessary. Keep them switched off and in a bag or coat pocket. If you need to use the phone during a rehearsal/performance, ask permission from the Child Support Leader.
- Leave electronic devices at home e.g. iPads, laptops, electronic games.
- Treat each other and the SVP organisation with respect in messages, emails, and on social media.

***Parents/Guardians:** Treat all members and the SVP organisation with respect in messages, emails, and on social media.*

Together, we create a welcoming, respectful, and joyful space for theatre and friendship.

By being a part of the Silverdale Village Players, you agree to uphold this Code of Conduct. If an SVP member does not meet the expectations set out in this Code of Conduct, they may be asked to leave a production and/or the SVP organisation.

Please sign below to show that you understand and agree to follow this Code of Conduct.

Member Name (Under 18s): _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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