

Newcastle Circus Arts – Parents & Caregivers in Classes Policy

At Newcastle Circus Arts, we strive to ensure that every young person feels safe, confident, and supported as they develop their circus skills. To help create the best learning environment, we kindly ask parents and caregivers to follow the guidelines below:

Attending Classes

To ensure young people can focus entirely on their training, parents and caregivers are asked not **to remain inside the training studio during class**. While classes are running, parents and caregivers are welcome to wait in:

- **The Circus Bar area** at Studio Deco, or
- **The John Marley Centre café** area.

Watching skills

If you would like to watch what your young person has learned, please **speak with the class teacher in advance**. The teacher will arrange a suitable time, for example, at the end of a session, so that it does not disrupt the class flow.

Access Needs

We recognise that some young people may require additional support.

Parents and caregivers may attend classes on a **case-by-case basis**, when access needs are present, or when it has been agreed upon in advance with the staff.

If you believe your child may require your presence in class due to accessibility or well-being reasons, please get in touch with Hannah Guy, Creative Director, at hannah@newcastlecircusarts.com.

Filming & Photography

To protect all young people in our care, **filming or photography in classes is not permitted unless it has been agreed upon with the class teacher in advance**.

If permission is granted:

- You may only film or photograph **your own child/young person**.
- Please ensure **no other children or young people appear in the frame**.
- Our team may occasionally take official photos or videos for promotional purposes, in line with our media consent procedures.

Why this Policy?

A parent-free class space allows young people to develop independence, confidence, and concentration.

It ensures sessions are safe, welcoming, and consistent for everyone.

Clear filming rules protect the privacy and safeguard the well-being of all participants.

It helps our teaching team deliver high-quality training without distraction.

We thank all parents and caregivers for their support of this approach and for helping us create a positive and inclusive space for every young person.

Thank you,
Hannah Guy
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Guy', with a long, sweeping underline.