



Stevenage Taekwondo Club Supervision Policy

Stevenage Taekwondo Club has a duty of care for its young and vulnerable participants to ensure they practice the martial art and sport in a safe and responsible environment.

We take this responsibility very seriously, but note that our responsibility has limits. In particular:

1. We are only responsible for them during actual class times and in training hall itself.
2. Class times are defined as: from when the class are called to line up, until the class is told to bow at the end and then dismissed. Outside of those times, the parents/carers are responsible for the participant's safety and activities. This includes in the 10-15 minutes before a class starts, when the children often run around and play games. If parents allow their children to do this, they maintain responsibility for them.
3. If we notice an unsafe event outside of these times, we will obviously make best efforts to stop the event, but it remains the parents/carers' ultimate responsibility.
4. Outside of the training hall itself (in the lobby, car park, etc) it's the parents/carers' responsibility to ensure their children are safe and acting in a responsible way.
5. Students are to remain in the hall unless allowed out to the lobby area by one of the instructors, e.g. to get a drink during the training or to go to the toilet.
6. If students ask to go to the toilet, they are asked why (to ensure it's not because they feel unwell), they are allowed to go by themselves, reminded to wear shoes and they can go. Generally, they go alone, but if a parent is waiting in the lobby, it's the parent's responsibility to ensure they go and quickly/safely return. If they don't return with a few minutes, then someone will go to knock on the door to ensure they're OK. In almost all cases, this is a black belt of the same sex.
7. During a grading, all students are expected to remain in the hall until dismissed by the panel at the end of the grading (final bow), unless they have gone to the toilet or have gone to put pads on and warm up for sparring portions of the test. Generally, under 18 year old test candidates have family members watching, so if they go to the lobby for those reasons, it's the family's responsibility to ensure they act appropriately and safely. Children should not go outside to the lobby to play during the grading.