



WAVENEY GYMNASTICS CLUB

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VIEWING POLICY

In the early part of 2018 the Management, in consultation with various interested parties, instigated a risk assessment audit of the viewing areas at Waveney Gymnastics Club with special regard to the issues of child protection and safety. Issues of safety, particularly with regard to the supervision of children on the balcony, the number of users trying to sit in the downstairs seating area, distractions caused by parents attracting and distracting the attention of the children in the gym, illicit use of photographing and other image recording instruments etc. was influential in governing the need for the closure of the balcony at certain times. The following is the WGC Viewing Access Policy which relates to all WGC organised activities.

The viewing gallery will be open at specific times during our normal operating these are as follows:

Monday-16:00-18:00, Tuesday-16:00-18:00, Wednesday -16:00-18:00, Thursday-16:00-18:00,
Friday-16:00-18:00 and Saturday-09:00-12:00

- During the times when the balcony is open the blind will also be open.
- The balcony will be open fully for one week every 8 weeks
- The balcony will be available for use at all organised functions such as competitions, squads etc. at the discretion of the Head Coach, Management and/or squad coach leading the session The balcony will be closed at any time if, in the opinion of the Coaches, safety and good order is compromised.
- At all Parent and Me, fun4Baby and Pre-School sessions, parties, school visits and similar activities, the blinds at the gym windows will be completely open to allow for maximum viewing.
- At all times other than those indicated above the blind will be drawn but at an open angle to still allow for viewing.
- The closure of the blinds only restricts viewing. The blinds do not cut out all viewing; the gym will still be visually accessible.
- Image recording, photography, video etc., is not permitted at any time. If anyone is found filming the club reserves the right to request it be deleted and if persistent filming occurs, then individuals may not be allowed on the premises.
- **The WGC policy regarding the positioning of the blinds has been inspected and approved by British Gymnastics.**
- The viewing policy will be reviewed at regular intervals.

The viewing policy, particularly regarding the positioning of the blinds, was instigated following a series of incidents detrimental to the health and safety of the participants and wellbeing of the coaches. Underlying this policy as a priority must be the safety of the participating children.

DIRECTORS OF WAVENEY GYMNASTICS CLUB JANUARY 2023

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