

SMTC Rehearsal Agreement

Being in a show with SMTC is all about your child having fun and learning while participating in the best performances we possibly can put on. In order to achieve this, we do have some expectations of our members when it comes to rehearsals.

1. Attendance

- a. Please make sure your child is at every rehearsal he or she is called for. We'll ask you about any planned absences ahead of making the rehearsal schedule and do appreciate that sometimes things change in life but ask that you prioritise rehearsals – we don't have a lot of time together and need to make the most of it. It's no fun doing scenes when loads of people are missing!
- b. Should any member, either as a principal or in the chorus, be absent without reasonable cause from three consecutive rehearsals without permission from the Creative Team, their part may be allocated elsewhere.
- c. Please be early! The published rehearsal start time is when we want to be ready to go – if you can arrive in advance we can make sure we don't lose rehearsal time – try to aim for 5-10 minutes before the start if possible.
- d. Take responsibility for checking rehearsal schedules and know where your child is expected by and when. We'll agree how best to communicate with you and you will always know in advance what's happening.

2. Rehearsals

- a. There will be a register for you to sign - please make sure to sign your child in and out at every rehearsal. This is an essential child protection provision and children under 16 should not sign themselves in or out.
- b. Be prepared – don't forget a script and a pencil for rehearsals. KIds should dress appropriately and bring some water.
- c. Phones can be really distracting and if your child is to bring theirs to rehearsal we won't want them using them while they're rehearsing - we'd prefer them to be off and tucked inside a bag while children are with us. We have emergency contact details should you need to get a message to your child

3. Staying Safe and Healthy

- a. Don't bring any kind of COVID-19 symptoms or anything else contagious (e.g. cold, flu, upset stomach) to rehearsals! Even a cold is worth keeping to yourself - just let us know.
- b. Rehearsals and show week in particular can be tiring especially for younger members so think about bringing fluids with you and snacks. We'll advise the group if there are any nut allergies etc. to be careful of.

4. Work on the show outside of rehearsal

- a. All the backing tracks for the show are available for use outside rehearsals. We'll provide you with the link so you and your child can access them

- b. Please help your child learn their lines and be aware of any notes they've been given by the Director, Music Director or Choreographer.
- 5. Help sell the show
 - a. You're our biggest advocates and sellers – make sure you take posters and flyers and put them up wherever you can.
 - b. We'll create loads of content so do share our posts on social media and encourage your friends and family to buy tickets!
- 6. Show fees and membership
 - a. Putting on shows is really expensive. Please make sure you pay your membership and show fees in a timely manner - no one likes being chased for money and we don't like chasing you either.
 - b. If you are struggling for any reason to afford the show fees please speak to a member of the committee – we don't want anyone not to do the show because they're struggling financially.