PARENTS/CARERS

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW?

Safeguarding Policy

ACADEMIC EDUCATION

We all have a responsibility to support good academic education practices in gymnastics. Here's what you need to know as a parent/carer:

1 British Gymnastics does not believe that a child missing formal education for gymnastics club training is necessary in the pursuit of achieving their gymnastics ambitions.

2 Clubs and coaches must not make missing formal education for gymnastics a mandatory requirement for your child. You and your child must never be discriminated against for choosing not to miss formal education for gymnastics club training.

3 If your child is under 12 the club must not schedule gymnastics club training during formal education time (i.e., school hours) for children under the age of 12.

4 If your child is over 12 the club must only schedule gymnastics club training in formal education time under exceptional circumstances. Your child's academic education must never be compromised in the pursuit of their gymnastics ambitions. All stakeholders (you as the parent/carer, coach and school/formal education provider) must sign the agreement form every calendar year if your child is to miss formal education for gymnastics club training. There is a separate child-friendly agreement form which your child must sign.

5 Your child must be involved in any discussions around their education and gymnastics.

6 It is always at the discretion of the formal education provider as to whether a child misses formal education for gymnastics club training. The child's holistic development must be at the centre of this decision.

7 If your child is to miss formal education for gymnasticsclub training, clubs and coaches must ensure a plan is established between the stakeholders to support the gymnast. Any training must be adapted to meet your child's needs (i.e. school exams, injury, academic progress). Regular communication and review meetings must be made between the formal education provider, parent/carer, child and club/coach.

This policy refers to gymnasts missing regular school or formal education time. It does not refer to one-off type events such as competitions

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