

Mindful Artbox
Code of Conduct Policy
Our Code of Conduct for Children & Young People

At Mindful Artbox, we want every child and young person to feel **safe, welcome, respected and able to be creative**.

This Code of Conduct sets out the behaviours we expect from everyone taking part in our art camps, classes, workshops and other children's activities.

When we refer to a “parent”, this includes parents and carers. The term “child” or “young person” describes anyone under the age of 18.

The Essentials

As a young person taking part in a Mindful Artbox activity, we ask you to:

- ✓ **Keep yourself safe** by listening to instructions, behaving responsibly and speaking to a member of staff if something doesn't feel right.
 - ✓ **Stay where you are supposed to be** and never leave an activity or venue without telling a member of staff.
 - ✓ **Take care of our equipment, materials and venue** and treat them with respect.
 - ✓ **Arrive on time** and let a member of staff know if you are going to be late.
 - ✓ **Bring any equipment you have been asked to bring** and wear suitable clothing for creative activities.
 - ✓ **Follow safety instructions** when using art materials, tools or equipment.
 - ✓ **Never smoke, vape or consume alcohol or illegal substances** during Mindful Artbox activities or while attending a Mindful Artbox event or camp.
 - ✓ **Tell a member of staff or trusted adult** if you are worried about something, feel unsafe or see something that you think is not right.
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Behaviour & Respect

At Mindful Artbox, everyone is encouraged to be themselves and express their creativity.

We ask you to:

- ✓ **Treat everyone with kindness and respect**, regardless of their age, gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, disability, ability or background.
- ✓ **Never bully, intimidate, threaten or deliberately hurt another person.**
- ✓ Report bullying, discrimination, harassment or inappropriate behaviour to a member of staff, even if you are a witness rather than the person directly affected.
- ✓ **Respect that everyone has different skills, abilities and levels of experience.** Art is about expression, not perfection.
- ✓ Encourage others and celebrate their creativity rather than making fun of their artwork.
- ✓ Make Mindful Artbox a **welcoming and friendly place** for everyone.
- ✓ Listen to and respect Mindful Artbox staff and follow reasonable instructions.
- ✓ Use appropriate language and behaviour.
- ✓ Respect other people's personal space and belongings.
- ✓ Look after the venue, furniture, artwork, materials and equipment.

- ✓ Listen carefully to safety instructions while still having fun and being creative.
 - ✓ Get involved and share your ideas. **Your art experience is yours too!**
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Your Rights

As a young person taking part in Mindful Artbox activities, you have the right to:

- ✓ Enjoy your time with us and feel **safe and supported**.
 - ✓ Be treated with kindness, dignity and respect.
 - ✓ Be listened to and taken seriously.
 - ✓ Know who you can speak to if something doesn't feel right.
 - ✓ Be included and given the opportunity to participate.
 - ✓ Have your ideas and opinions listened to where appropriate.
 - ✓ Be treated fairly and without discrimination.
 - ✓ Feel welcomed and valued, regardless of your background, identity, ability or level of artistic experience.
 - ✓ Learn, experiment, make mistakes and develop your creative skills without being judged.
 - ✓ Receive appropriate care if you become unwell or have an accident or injury.
 - ✓ Have your parent/carer contacted where appropriate if there is an accident, injury, illness or significant concern about your wellbeing.
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If Something Goes Wrong

Everyone makes mistakes, and we understand that children and young people are still learning. If a young person behaves in a way that does not follow this Code of Conduct, **we will address the behaviour calmly and appropriately.**

Depending on the circumstances, this may include:

- speaking privately with the young person;
- reminding them of the expected behaviour;
- helping them understand how their behaviour has affected others;
- involving their parent/carer;
- putting additional boundaries or support in place.

Our aim will always be to **resolve the situation positively and help the young person make better choices.**

However, serious, unsafe or repeated behaviour may result in a young person being asked to leave an activity or, where necessary, being unable to attend future Mindful Artbox activities.

Any decision to do this will be made with consideration for the welfare and safety of **all children, young people and adults involved.**

Our Commitment to You

Mindful Artbox is committed to providing creative experiences where children and young people can:

Create. Explore. Express. Learn. Grow.

We want you to feel comfortable trying something new, experimenting with different materials and developing your own creative ideas.

You do not have to be the “best” at art.

There is no perfect artwork — there is only your artwork.

We will do our best to make Mindful Artbox a safe, inclusive and encouraging environment for everyone.

Agreement

By signing below, we confirm that we have read and understood the Mindful Artbox Code of Conduct and agree to support the expectations set out above.

Young Person

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent / Carer

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please also review the Mindful Artbox Terms & Conditions, Privacy Policy and Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy at mindfulartbox.com.