

## School of Improv Code of Conduct

**We're really open minded and easy going, but remember, it's not all about you! By following our code of conduct, everyone will have a good time, and stay safe online.**

- Do not drink alcohol during the class, or arrive drunk.
- Do not smoke or vape during the class.
- Do not eat during the class, unless for health reasons.
- Sometimes after class we go to the virtual pub, and all the above rules are relaxed – so save it for then.
- Classes start on time. Please don't be late. The waiting room is opened 15mins prior, and all participants are admitted to the class at once. While some leeway can be given, this can disrupt the class, and we can't guarantee entry once the session is underway.
- Improv is built on trust, generosity and goodwill. Be supportive and courteous to your fellow class mates and teachers.
- Improv by nature is spontaneous, full of surprises, and we positively encourage open-mindedness and the un-filtering of thoughts. However, should your language or behaviour be purposefully used to cause shock or offence, or if derogatory remarks are made against another class member or teacher, these are unacceptable. Don't try to be a stand-up comedian in an improv class – take a stand-up course instead.
- Listen to instructions, and if you don't understand or need them repeating, tell your teacher. Internet interruption or lag can mean a brief loss of sound sometimes.
- While 'virtual backgrounds' can be fun, we don't use them in classes. They can be distracting and not everyone's device has the capability, so please don't use them.
- You are responsible for your own workspace and should take care not to damage your device or props, or cause harm or injury to yourself. Never place drinks or food near your computer, or objects such as lit candles.
- Online classes are not particularly physical, but always tell your teacher if an activity is too much, and desist if it could cause you pain now or later.
- Improv is wonderful, but it's not for everyone. If we deem the class to not be good for your mental health, we'll talk to you about this and decide on the best way forward.
- Always feel free to contact us and talk privately if you have any concerns you need to bring to our attention. We are here to listen and to help.