

Date: November 7th, 2016

Subject: specific dates for 2016/2017 and explanations work processes



To (parents and care-giver of)

"We work together to help each individual develop their skills further: in a pleasant, open, professional and goal oriented manner. What we call: the Animo-style."

We plan each class with this objective in mind. We do not aim to give a relaxed class, but to pleasantly teach each child something new - each week. To make this possible we have some rules, not a lot, but the few that we have, we enforce! Unfortunately as instructors we are encountering more and more cases where these rules are not followed. We aim to give our classes based on our enthusiasm for teaching, and not irritation, therefore we kindly ask for your co-operation.

Be on time!

We start on time; why? Because we want to use our time well and get the most out of it. Lately, we have often experienced that over 50% of the children are late, at times even 80%. At the start of the class we often explain the activities and tasks for the day, which is very important so they are motivated to learn, knowing what they are working to achieve, afterwards the children get divided up in groups. When a child is late, this often means we have to start over, explain again, divide the groups again; costing precious time. This is not fair for the children who were on time.

To prevent this situation, we are introducing a new rule which goes in affect on November 14th, 2016:

*Children, who are late, will be asked to kindly wait aside until the next part of the class
or when an instructor gives them permission to join.
(Exceptions include special cases approved by us and plus- and selection classes.)*

This is not fun: So be on time! Your class begins at o'clock.

Pick up your children on time as well! Children are only allowed to wait in the waiting room under adult supervision - to avoid dispute, to avoid our belongings being broken and to keep the children out of the road. We cannot teach class and babysit the children at the same time!

Only capped bottles with WATER are allowed and all jewelry must be taken off.

Our equipment and materials get damaged, by jewelry scraping or tearing it apart. The AirFloor that costs thousands of Euros is not usable due to a leak caused by a sharp object. Our mats get sticky and dirty due to juice that leaked out of bottles, while water would have dried up like nothing! The bars have holes in them due to children wearing rings while in practice. And we have not gotten to the safety aspect of wearing jewelry yet; you can easily hurt others or instructors by wearing them, our fingers can get stuck in them while trying to assist the children or the children can get stuck in a position themselves, not to mention the possible side effects of these situation; broken fingers, strained muscles and further injuries.

The rule is as simple as ever:

*All jewelries (including bracelets, anklets, finger- and earrings, jewelry made of rope) must be takes off!
Only water allowed in the practice hall! (Other substances will be directly thrown away.)*

If you don't bring a bottle, you're not allowed to drink at the cooler during class because all kids in class have to wait for you. You can fill your bottle at the cooler before class.

Long hair must be tied up in a pony tail or bun.

This counts for everyone, boys and girls. Long hair can get in the way when you are jumping and doing tricks, it can get difficult to see. For the instructors it can also get difficult while catching or teaching.

Boys and girls have to tie up their long hair BEFORE each practice.

As you can see these are very simple rules, but they will help greatly in making the lessons Safer and more effective. Can we count on your co-operation?

The following is a calendar for this school year. Dates and activities are subject to change, under certain circumstances it is not always possible to organize every event, but rest assured we will do our very best to organize every event. Take it over in your personal calendar so as to not miss out!

Kind regards,

Daily management Animo: Esther van der Gulik, Camiel van der Gulik, Vera Versluijs

Calendar

goal	when	what	
special class	28 November till 3 December 2016	Sinterklaas-themed class	all classes, except plus and selection classes
special class	12 till 17 December 2016	diploma classes	gymmix schoolgroep 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 and freerunning schoolgroep 5-8
free holiday	19 December 2016 till 4 January 2017	Christmas holidays	
activity	21 January 2017	activities afternoon	peuters, kleuters, schoolgroep 3 t/m 8 and voortgezet onderwijs
competition	27 January 2017	internal competition, all apparatus	plus and selection classes
special class	6 till 11 February 2017	parent-and-child classes	all classes except fysiogym Monday, adults, part of selection class
classes	20 februari 2017	children's Carnival: classes continue as usual!	
free holiday	27 February till 1 march 2017	Carnival's holiday	
special class	13 till 18 March 2017	diploma classes	gymmix schoolgroep 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 en freerunning schoolgroep 5-8
free holiday	13 till 29 April 2017	Easter holidays	
competition	29 April 2017	Caribbean Gymnastics Championships at Barbados	plus and selection classes
classes	1 May 2017	Labor day; classes continue as usual!	
activity	13 May 2017	big fundraising event	everyone
free holiday	25 and 26 May 2017	free days Ascension Day	
classes	27 May 2017	extra free day but classes continue as usual!	
competition	10 and 11 June 2017	National Invitational Gymnastics Championships Trinidad & Tobago	gymmix schoolgroep 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 en freerunning schoolgroep 5-8
special class	17 till 23 June 2017	diploma classes	ouder&kind-, peuter-, kleuter- en fysiogym, gym schoolgroep 3-6, gymmix schoolgroep 3-4 and freerunning schoolgroep 5-8
competition	24 June 2017	Open Curaçaose Springkampioenschappen (tumbling competition)	gymmix schoolgroep 5-6, 7-8, voortgezet onderwijs and turnen voortgezet onderwijs, volwassenen, plus and selection classes
free holiday	24 June 2017	NO classes due to spring kampioenschappen	
free holiday	10 July 2017	start summer holidays	