



Information for parents of potential climbers with Geckos

Joining Geckos.

Only the Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday sessions are suitable for beginners and, at present, there is a waiting list for these sessions. If you wish to add your child's name to the waiting list please e-mail us, stating the preferred session, the child's name and age (minimum age 9 please) and your contact details.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to give a precise waiting-time, as this depends on the speed of other kids' progressing onto the intermediate/advanced session.

Parental Consent.

Geckos' insurance policy requires all kids climbing on the regular Geckos' sessions to have parental consent form signed by a parent/guardian. Blank copies of the form can be downloaded here (in pdf format) and are also held behind reception at The Castle.

Payment.

Due to time constraints it is not usually possible to take payment for Geckos sessions on the day, so all children must be booked and paid for in advance. This can be done in a number of ways:

- Leave a cheque (please not cash) in an envelope at The Castle, with the name of the child and the dates of the sessions paid for on the back
- Post a cheque to Geckos, The Castle Climbing Centre, Green Lanes, London N4 2HA
- Telephone Sophie on 07776 176007 and give a credit or debit card number over the phone

In the event that a child will not be able to attend, the money will, of course, be refunded provided 48 hours notice (24 in an absolute emergency) is given.

Dropping off and collecting kids.

Please can all parents, guardians or those delivering or collecting children for Geckos' sessions, ensure that they sign in at reception. It is a health and safety requirement that ALL PERSONS ENTERING THE BUILDING MUST SIGN IN, even if they will only be there for a few moments. If there is a large queue at reception, ask one of the Geckos instructors for the registration form. Please try and keep reception as free as possible, as it can get very crowded.

Please can you ensure that no child is left unsupervised at The Castle, either before or after Geckos' sessions. Under 12 year olds will not be allowed to make their own way home at the end of Geckos sessions, unless we have written consent from parents. If the child is older than 12 years the instructor will rely on each child to indicate how they are getting home and to make sure that the child is happy to leave with the person who comes to collect them.