

Social Story



Relaxed performances at The Court Theatre

To help you prepare for your visit to The Court Theatre we have put together this information pack.

1. Arriving at The Court Theatre

When you arrive at the theatre you can park for free, or get dropped off in our car park opposite the theatre.



Come into the theatre through these doors.



This is the box office where you need to collect your ticket.



This is the foyer where you can relax before the performance.



Before the show you can visit the toilets. They are off the hall opposite the box office.



Use the drawing tables to colour in a picture of one of the ninjas.



Visit the coffee bar, where you can buy drinks and snacks.



When it is time to go into the theatre, give the ushers your ticket and they will show you through these doors into the auditorium.



This is the auditorium where you will watch the show. You can choose any seat to sit in. The auditorium won't be full so you can change seats during the show if you would like to.



If you need to leave the theatre for a break that is ok. You can chill out in the foyer until you are ready to go back in.

2. Watching the show

- You can take photos in the theatre before the show starts but once the show has started you are not allowed to take photos or use your phone. If you need to take a call you can go outside and come back in whenever you want.
- During the show three actors will come on stage and tell you a story.
- It is quite dark at the start of the show.
- The first character we meet is Miki, she is a ninja in training.
- The Ninjas (Miki and Genki) teach the audience three different ninja stances – the tiger, eagle and praying mantis. You can join if you want to. [Check out this video to practice](#) the ninja stances before you come to the theatre.
- When Miki makes tea, smoke comes out of the temple at the back of the stage.

- Miki will ask one person to come up on stage and help her chop wood, ninja style. If you are keen to help her put your hand up and she will choose one person.
- Miki will ask you to make up a new ninja stance based on an animal. What is your favourite animal? You can shout out your idea if you want to.
- An old lady appears at the back of the theatre, behind where you are sitting. She is looking for a forest.
- The old lady is actually... Hanzo, the Evil Master of Trickery.
- There are lots of bits in the show where the ninjas use their moves on each other, remember they are not really fighting, they are acting.
- Miki will ask you to help her defeat Hanzo using your ninja moves.
- The actors will take a bow. This means the show is finished.
- At the end of the show the actors will be in the foyer, you can say hi if you want to.
- If there is an earthquake the theatre is very safe. Stay in your seat and wait for someone to tell you how to leave the building safely.

3. The Characters

There are four characters in this show, played by three actors.



Miki – The Littlest Ninja. At first, she gets ignored and told to make the tea. Later, she learns that being small can sometimes be very useful.



Genki – He is a strong student ninja, the Master leaves him in charge when she goes to meditate. Genki realises that he can learn a lot from Miki.



Master – Master runs the ninja training school.



Hanzo (The Evil Master of Trickery) – Hanzo is trying to steal the ninja scroll.