



**MARTIAL ARTS**  
MANCHESTER SCHOOL

## Welcome to Didsbury Black Belt Academy

I would like to personally welcome you to Didsbury Black belt academy. The Academy is a part of Edwards Black Belt schools which has been established since November 5th 2001 and the school itself has been around since June 19th 2009.

*I would first like to say the Basic program you have started on is just the start of your martial arts experience. Once you start your basics and get to grips with the way we learn and train you will be ready to get on the path to black belt. So basic training is a maximum of 6 months however moving on to the a black belt program will be done in a lot shorter time. Speak to your instructor when you feel your ready and he or she will definitely approach you if they feel your ready.*

### Important Notes

I would like to just go through a few things about being a member at the academy that will help you in you to get the most out of our progressive system of training. Please see our numbered points.

#### **1. Class timetable**

We know from long experience that students who set a fixed time each week to attend class enjoy their training for longer. Try to ensure that you attend class at least once a week to build attendance into your routine. This is also important for children and helps prevent them from dropping out of the program.

#### **2. Grading and Belt Testing**

We are a black belt school and the vision is to get to Black Belt. Attending Belt testing is mandatory at the academy as the vision is to train to black belt. If you're an absolute beginner, you will be working towards your first 3 belts when you start and if you are an experienced new member, we will assess where you are at going forward. Belt testing is every 2 months and the dates is posted on the notice boards in the academy. One coming up the stairs and the other near the restroom entrance.

#### **3. Permitted Safety Equipment**

We do not allow equipment sourced from outside the academy on the training floor. It's been our long-standing rule. We have various equipment depending on your class. Please ensure you get the equipment needed for your program to ensure full participation. We may need to tailor drills to accommodate you in class if you have not got the equipment.

#### **4. Progress Chats and Parents Meetings**

Please remember within a month of joining the academy you will need to have a progress chat with Mandy Edwards. It is a great way to connect with us and helps us to help you. Please speak to front desk to let them know when your free for this chat which we will schedule in for you .

#### **5. Academy rules**

Please read these carefully. All members must abide by the school rules. All students are presumed to have read and understood the rules of the school.

#### **6. Referring a friend**

The greatest honour is for you to refer us to a friend. Best time to refer a friend is when you have just started so you can share the journey to black belts together. If you refer a friend to the academy who joins we will take care of your of the cost of your next belt test.

#### **7. Accidents & Injuries**

If you suffer an accident or injury during class please report this to your instructor and record the details in the accident book.

#### **8. Complaints Procedure**

Your concerns are very important to us as it helps us to get stronger. Please check our complaints procedure on the welcome page. So if you do have any problems we can have the opportunity to put things right.

#### **9. Tuition & Membership Agreement.**

As was explained and is on the back of your agreement you have joined the academy for a set amount of time which is not cancellable until the full term of the agreement. Missed classes are non refundable however, you may be able to catch up missed lessons on other days within the month. If you misplaced a copy of your agreement, please ask and a copy will be given to you.

We sincerely hope you enjoy your training with us for many years to come and look forward to seeing you in class

**Edwards**

**Chief Master Instructor and Founder of Edwards Black Belt schools**

**WFMC World Vice president**

**6th Degree Black Belt**