

DANCE EDUCATION CENTRE COVID-19 POLICY



PARENTS AND STUDENT BEFORE ARRIVING AT CLASS:

- Parents should take their child's temperature before each class and should not attend class if they have a raised temperature - anything above 38 degrees is deemed to be a raised temperature.
- If a child feels unwell with any form of illness, they should not be brought to class.
- Students should arrive at class in their dance uniform (not in tap or ballet shoes) and have minimal belongings with them contained in one bag, which they are able to carry unaided.
- Students should bring with them a filled, named, water bottle and are permitted to bring snacks if they are attending multiple consecutive classes.

ARRIVAL AT CLASS:

- Parents MUST drop children off at their allocated time to ensure social distancing can be fully observed and to enable children to go straight to their class.
- Social distancing should be observed whilst waiting to enter the class.
- Only one parent should be present for drop off outside the gate/hall
- Registration will be carried out on mobile devices and all interaction will be contactless.
- Hand sanitiser will be available for the children to use upon entry and MUST be used.
- Once within the venue all children will go to their allocated chair (this will be the same each week) and leave their belongings there and then go to their designated dance area.

GROUPS:

- Classes will not exceed 15 children and this will make up the class for the remainder of the term
- Each class will have a set routine for arrival and dismissal from class and this will be explained to the children at the first class.

ACTIVITIES:

- Only necessary equipment will be used
- The halls/studios will be kept well ventilated with windows and doors kept open (not fire doors) where possible. All our venues have been risk assessed so we have a capped limit of students that are allowed in each venue at a given time.
- All classes will be carried out with as much social distancing as possible.
- For modern and contemporary classes, students MUST wear ballet shoes and for Acro, students should wear "grippy" socks. There will be no activities undertaken in

bare feet until further notice. For Street Dance, students will need to bring trainers to wear during the class that they did not wear to arrive at the class

- Students will wash their hands after each class using the hand sanitiser provided by Dance Education Centre
- The Dance Education Centre teachers will clean all equipment at the end of each class
- Students and teachers are NOT required to wear a face mask during class

HYGIENE:

- A portable hygiene station will be set up for children to access upon entry, during and leaving class. This will include tissues, hand sanitiser and a rubbish bag
- Dance Education Centre will also carry a supply of PPE (disposable gloves and masks) to be used if a teacher has to come into close contact with any student
- Used tissues will be placed immediately in rubbish bags which will be disposed of at the end of every class
- Children will only be permitted to go to the toilet one at a time. The teachers will ensure that the toilets are clean after use
- Children will wash their hands after each class if they are attending multiple consecutive classes

CLEANING:

- Contact points such as door handles will be cleaned after each class
- All equipment will be cleaned after each class.

IF A CHILD PRESENTS SYMPTOMS DURING THE CLASS:

- The child will be asked to sit out from the class and parents called to collect the child from class immediately and then advised to take a PCR test
- Parents of all other children in the class will be advised of a possible case via email and should a subsequent case be confirmed then all children in the class will be advised to take a PCR test.

COLLECTION AT THE END OF THE CLASS:

- Only one parent should be present for collection of the child at the end of the class
- Social distancing should be observed when waiting for collection. Parents must only collect children at their allocated time to ensure social distancing can be observed and children are able to leave straight from their classes. All children should be collected in person unless they are of secondary school age and have requested prior permission for the child to be able to leave unaccompanied

BOOKING POLICY

- Dance Education Centre will endeavour to run the classes in person throughout the term, however the safety of our students and teachers is our top priority and as such we will always follow government guidance and in most cases go above and beyond what is required of us. If the guidance changes and does not allow a physical class, we will look to deliver the classes on Zoom as we did through lockdown.
- If a student tests positive for COVID-19 at any point during the term, you MUST inform us immediately and that student will not be permitted to attend classes for 10 days or until their isolation period has ended.
- If a student has come into close contact with a positive Covid case (either through a family member, classmate at school or any other club they attend) we require confirmation of a negative PCR test before the child is allowed to attend classes. This confirmation should be sent to admin@danceeducationcentre.co.uk prior to attending class and will be kept on record for 14 days.
- We have the right to turn a child away from class if we believe they are in breach of our covid policy.
- Test results should not be provided on arrival as it will take up valuable class time to deal with the administration.
- If a student tests positive within 5 days of the term finishing, you must notify Dance Education Centre immediately to ensure that we are able to advise any other students who they may have come into contact with. You are also required to include Dance Education Centre on the government track and trace submission

ALL aspects of this policy are subject to change at short notice and in line with Government guidance. Any changes to the policy will be communicated to you via the Dance Education Centre portal and email.