



# COVID-19 PANDEMIC

## AND OTHER EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

### On Arrival

- All pupils, parents and staff must wash their hands when entering the building and use the hand sanitisers provided at the beginning and end of every class.
- All pupils, parents and staff using the building must provide and use their own hand towel for hand washing, these are not to be shared.
- On entering the studios all pupils will have their temperature read and will be sent home should this show as high.
- Pupils displaying symptoms must not attend classes and must isolate for 14 days and can take classes online before returning to the studios.

### Zoom classes online

In event that we are forced to stop 'in-person' classes for any reason, or we feel we cannot safely continue 'in-person' classes for any reason, we will endeavour to provide classes online where possible.

In such instances, the day/time of an online class provided will remain the same or very similar. No refunds will be given and the price of classes will remain the same as for 'in-person' classes.

Online classes will only be provided if the teacher is isolating. In the case that some but not all of a class are isolating, we may be able to provide an online class. There will be no refunds for those isolating and/or using zoom.

### Track and Trace

We will share your details with Track and Trace services as necessary, and will follow any procedures as advised by them in terms of isolating individuals or groups of teachers/ students.

Our Risk Assessment for in-person classes may be viewed on request. This is a working document, as guidelines may change from week to week or even from day to day. Should guidelines change then we will alter classes as necessary with immediate effect.

### A brief summary of Covid-19 risk mitigations for September/October 2020

As at August 8th, a summary of the risk mitigations based upon the best practice advice we have received from dance governing bodies (we will notify you of any major changes before classes start):

- Smaller numbers of students in classes, to enable suitable distancing, in fixed and consistent groups.
- Parents drop off and collect children at external doors and do not enter the studios (we advise pupils to wear slip off shoes and dance socks so can simply slip on dance shoes).
- Hand washing must be undertaken on arrival and temperatures will be taken and recorded.
- Anyone entering the studios will not be required to wear a mask, neither will students in classes.
- DBS volunteers will manage toilet runs and hand washing for students in Yr3 and under. All other students will go to the toilets independently. Pupils will use the toilets allocated to their age group only.
- Hand sanitiser used on entry and exit, with limited belongings brought in (only the dance shoes they will wear, a water bottle for those doing multiple classes)
- Students will dance on a cross in the centre and a line at the barre. They must adhere to this social distancing during the class. If a pupil cannot maintain distance, they may be removed from future classes
- Class content will be limited to ensure no touching of bodies and reducing any 'touch points' (such as hand-holding or physical corrections from the teacher), and initially limited floorwork. Grip socks will be worn in all classes that are normally bare feet. Feet will remain covered at all times.
- Music may need to be lower in volume in order to prevent the teacher speaking too loudly. Initially, no props will be used. Ballet barres will be disinfected prior to each class and floors will be steam cleaned between each class.
- Regular communication with the Alison Axford Theatre School regarding any ill health a pupils family or indeed any COVID cases or symptoms in their 'bubbles'.
- Parents agree not to bring their child to class if:
  - a) they or anyone in their household has experienced a cough, shortness of breath, or a high temperature in the last 14 days
  - b) they or anyone in their household has knowingly encountered someone displaying the symptoms of COVID-19, or someone who has tested positive in the last 14 days
  - c) they or anyone in their household have been told to isolate by any other school/group/organisation

All government guidelines will be followed for holding 'in-person' classes for as long as is necessary, altering our mitigations in line with advice on best practice from dance governing bodies.