# COVID-19 SAFE PROCEDURES CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Deborah Hoskins Dance is committed to safeguarding the health and wellbeing of all dancers. As such, we are ensuring a concerted effort to help minimise the spread of COVID-19. We are following Public Health England's guidelines as well as guidance from the National Institute of Dance Medicine and Science and the Department for Education to minimise the risk of spreading of the virus by introducing the following procedures;

#### **PAYMENT FOR CLASS**

All classes should be paid for by card (using the link on invoices), by PayPal or by bank transfer. Details of these alternative payment methods are under the "alternative payment method" drop down on invoices. Unfortunately NO CASH can be accepted at the studio.

#### **ARRIVAL**

All classes have been shortened slightly for the time being to allow a 10 minute cross over period. This allows students to leave the studio and building before the next class arrives, therefore avoiding crossover and congestion. It also allows time for the studio and any touch points to be cleaned and aired between classes.

ONE parent/carer can drop off and collect ONLY as the waiting area is unavailable while we are following COVID-19 safe measures. I will come out to collect students in the large area by the Loft coffee shop and return them there after class.

- -Please wear masks (if you are safely able to do so) while moving around the building and adhere to social distancing guidelines. Includes children 12 years+
- -Please do not arrive any earlier than 5 minutes before the start of your child's class.
- -Dancers should come ready in their dance wear and outdoors shoes should be removed before entering the studio.
- -Dancers must wash hands or sanitise upon entering and exiting the studio.
- -The studio has been marked out with a dancers own space.
- -Children over 5 must socially distance.
- -All classes are capped at 10 students

- -All children's classes are grouped in bubbles of no more than 15 (as well as socially distancing)
- -At the end of class students will be escorted back to the Loft Cafe area ready for collection.

While children under 5 do not need to socially distance from each other, teachers do need to socially distance from the children. I must make you aware, however, that child safety, protection and wellbeing takes priority and in any case where a teacher may need to break the social distancing rule for the safety of a child, they will wear PPE.

PLEASE NOTE - Deborah Hoskins Dance is only responsible for the cleanliness and welfare of students in the studio and not in any other communal area of the building.

#### MASKS/PPE

Masks are not compulsory once inside the studio but adults and children 12 and over must wear a mask while entering the building and walking in and out of the communal areas. Teachers will wear a face shield where possible/necessary and teach facing away from dancers where possible.

## **VENTILATION AND CLEANING**

To maintain airflow, the main studio door and fire exit door will remain open throughout the classes as well as fresh air ventilation. All Ballet barres, touch points and toilets will be sanitised before and after each class.

#### **SOCIAL DISTANCING**

Dancers over 5 years must maintain social distancing of no less than 2m at all times even if they are best of friends! Each dancer will have a 2x2m area to dance in with 60cm/1m gaps between squares as an extra precaution. (If anyone goes the wrong way!!) Any travelling sequences will be carefully organised to maintain the 2m distance at all times. Children under 5 years do not need to socially distance.

#### **FIRST AID**

In the case of any dancer falling ill or encountering an injury, first aiders will wear full PPE in order to administer any first aid.

#### IF YOUR CHILD FEELS UNWELL

Temperature checks WILL NOT be carried out. If your child or a member of your household has been unwell or shows symptoms of COVID-19 (including a cough and/or fever) then you are advised to keep away from studio classes until you/they have fully recovered and follow NHS and Public Health England's advice in regard to testing and/or isolation. If you or a member of your household is diagnosed with COVID-19 then you must let Deborah Hoskins Dance know as a matter of urgency. 07772284827 deborah@deborahhoskinsdance.co.uk If any teachers, students or volunteers are diagnosed with COVID-19 then Deborah Hoskins Dance will alert parents/carers immediately if your child attended the same class. Or you may be contacted by NHS Test and Trace.

# IN THE CASE OF LOCALISED LOCKDOWN OR TEACHER ILLNESS/NEED TO ISOLATE

If we are again forced to close due to localised lockdown or the teacher becomes ill or ordered to isolate by test and trace or if whole classes/bubbles are ordered to isolate by test and trace, classes will continue online using ZOOM or a cover teacher may take over those classes not affected. For those unable to attend online classes, refunds of fees will be issued for the remainder of the term or credit carried over to when classes can resume.

## IN THE CASE A SINGLE STUDENT MUST ISOLATE

In such a case a child needs to miss class due to isolation. No refund will be given as their space in the class will be saved. Missed classes will be recorded and sent to the parent so the student can practice at home.

Thank you for your co-operation.