

BALLET NORTH

Measures for Moving Forwards **Ballet North COVID-19 Policy & Reopening Plan**

This purpose of this document is to set out the measures we will be putting in place to keep our pupils and community as safe and comfortable as possible, following the most recent government guidelines.

We take our responsibility of making sure our classes are Covid Secure very seriously, whilst also wishing to keep our classes accessible, enjoyable and comfortable for the children and families we work with.

This policy and guidelines will be regularly updated and reevaluated in line with changes to government advice and published on our website/ made available to all our families.

Autumn Term Class Times and Timetable Changes

The autumn term will begin on September 7th

In order to allow for extra cleaning and avoid unnecessary contact between groups, all classes in the autumn will be 5 minutes shorter than usual.

In order to accommodate extra cleaning and restrictions on use of venues we have had to make some changes to our timetable for the autumn. We have tried to keep these to a minimum and offer a range of ages/times/days however we apologise for any inconvenience these changes cause.

Arriving and Leaving the Classes

In order to avoid congestion we ask that only one adult drops off/ collects each child each week. With the exception of Parent & Toddler and Baby Ballet classes and children attending one of our classes for the first time, parents/ guardians will not be permitted in the studio to watch classes or to wait in/around the building and will need to drop children off at the venue entrance, where they will be met by the class teacher(s)

For Parent & Toddler, Baby Ballet & New Students only one adult will be permitted in the room with each child and we ask you to respect social distancing between different households and wear a face covering, where appropriate.

We ask that where possible all children arrive dressed for their class and do not bring more than one small bag with dance shoes/ water with them

Please encourage children to use the toilet before arriving at class.

On arriving and leaving the venue/ studio please use the hand sanitizer and washing facilities provided.

Each venue will have slightly different measures in place in terms of entrances and exits to use and moving around the building. We will contact parents directly nearer to the start of term about any specific arrangements that may be in place.

Class Fees & Options

Trial classes are only available if booked and paid for in advance via our website (where there is class availability).

All other fees are paid termly in advance unless otherwise agreed. **We are only able to take online payments and the teachers will be unable to take any cash payments.**

Your child's place is not confirmed until payment in full has been received.

In order to limit interaction between different groups and keep a secure record of group attendees (that may be needed for tracing), we are not currently able to offer the option to make up any missed classes 'in person'. If your child misses a class in the term for any reason they are welcome to join an online class to make up for the missed session, please contact us to arrange this.

Should we need to cancel any classes for any reason we reserve the right to offer these classes on an alternative day/ time or via online classes.

Live Online Classes

During the autumn term we will be continuing to offer online classes for those children and families who would prefer these and for any children making up any missed classes.

Online classes are offered at a slightly reduced rate to reflect the lack of venue hire cost but will only be bookable termly, in order to ensure the continuity and quality of the class is in line with that of the 'in person' groups.

Safety Measures In Place

- In all venues regular deep cleaning in addition to cleaning between classes will take place.
- Additional hand sanitizers and washing facilities will be provided and we ask that the teaching team, children and parents all make regular and proper use of these.
- Signage and floor markings will help everyone maintain safe social distancing both in the studio and around the building
- Reduced class sizes and limit to numbers of people within the building will be in place
- Additional ventilation such as windows and door being open where appropriate will be used to help air circulation
- Teachers and assistants will have no physical contact/ hand holding etc with children unless necessary e.g. in order to give first aid.
- PPE will not be worn as standard by pupils or staff but will be provided if needed. e.g. in order to give first aid.

- We ask that any adults attending classes wear a face covering whilst in the building as per the updated government guidance for wearing face coverings indoors
- We ask that pupils do not attend classes if they or anyone in their household are unwell or present with any Covid19 symptoms. Should a pupil arrive at a class and appear unwell they will be sent home/ we will contact a parent to collect them. If you miss any class for any reason you are welcome to make up the missed class in one of our live online classes (see above)
- We ask that families inform us immediately if a pupil or anyone in their household tests positive for Covid19. Should any Covid19 case be reported within the school community we will report this immediately to the NHS Track and Trace service and follow their guidelines and recommendations

Thank you so much for your cooperation and patience as we reopen in the autumn term. We have been so grateful for the support of our dancers and families and we very much look forward to welcoming you back to Ballet North.