

COVID-19 Policy

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(Any new updates we will inform you immediately.)

This policy aims to provide and maintain safe and healthy working conditions for our teachers, assistants and pupils from Covid-19.

COVID-19 PROCEDURES (The Willow Centre, Cringleford)

The following procedures will be implemented at The Willow Centre, Cringleford, for the autumn term to help prevent the potential spread of Covid-19.

- Session numbers have been reduced to allow social distancing within the quadrants.
- We ask all participants to come dressed for their session in their dance uniform and only bring dance shoes and a drink into session. Please bring a bag large enough for all belongings to go inside.
- All participants need to bring their own filled water bottles. This should be clearly identifiable and named and will be kept in their bag. (Admittance to the kitchen will be not be possible so please ensure that they bring enough water with you.)
- All participants aged 11 years and above need to bring their face masks.
- **Beginneers Only.** Please line up along the main front wall adhearing to social distancing rules. Julie will meet and greet individuals outside, before directing students one by one through the entrance doors, to be greeted by an Direct Dance assisant. Nobody can enter into the building unless accompanied by a member of the Direct Dance's team. Please adhere strictly to social distance rules at drop off and pick up times. (No parents/careers allowed within the building.)
- **Classes.** A member of the Direct Dance team will come to meet you outside on a designated area on the playing field to lead you to your quadrant at the start of your day. While waiting for a member of Direct Dance you must stay socially distanced from one and another. Nobody can enter into the building unless accompanied by a member of the Direct Dance's team.

- There will be no waiting within The Willow Centre reception area to avoid overcrowding. Please arrive punctual for the start of your session and leave immediately after from your designated area. Only those taking part in our classes will be permitted on site. Without a member of the Direct Dance Team you will not be allowed to enter the building.
- Before entering the building anyone aged 11 and over must wear a face mask within the communal areas, these can be removed once within their quadrant.
- There are one way systems to enter and leave the building are in force. You arrive via the main entrance and exit via the double door fire escape by the caf teria
- All students will require to use hand sanitiser when entering the building. We also encourage everyone to follow the same procedure when leaving.
- Each quadrant now has a one way system in and out clearly marked out.
- Teachers will also adhere to social distancing rules where possible.
- The use of air con will not be permitted.
- Also please be aware of the current government guidelines for indoor music. We will not be giving instructions over music playing.

“2f: Noise

All venues should ensure that steps are taken to avoid people needing to unduly raise their voices to each other. This includes – but is not limited to – refraining from playing music or broadcasts that may encourage shouting, including if played at a volume that makes normal conversation difficult. This is because of the potential for increased risk of transmission – particularly from aerosol and droplet transmission.

We will develop further guidance, based on scientific evidence, to enable these activities as soon as possible. You should take similar steps to prevent other close contact activities – such as communal dancing.”

- **Beginners only.** At the end of the session, we will bring all students with their belongings to the exit door (The small grass area at the side of the building near the bike stands) and they will be let them out one by one. Please remember to adhere to socially distancing when collecting, and keep the main path around the building clear. No student will be allowed out

without permission from their member of the Direct Dance team. If a different adult is collecting please inform the Direct Dance team prior to start of session.

- **Classes.** At the end of the session students will be led to their designated meeting point on the main playing field for collection. No student is to leave without informing their teacher. If student is walking home by themselves and under the age of 16 years, we need written consent prior for this to happen. When leaving please adhering to social distancing rules.
- Direct Dance will clean door handles and flooring between each class and the equipment as required. The Willow Centre will clean surrounding and communal areas in line with their guidelines.
- The communal facilities are regularly cleaned and maintain to a high cleanliness standards by the Willow Centre
- We will continue to record all attendances and their contact details to allow us to contact you for “test and trace” if required.
- Anyone who is experiencing symptoms of Covid-19 (or have a member of their household who is experiencing symptoms) will not be allowed to enter the studio. These symptoms include:
 - A high temperature (temperature checks may take place on arrival)
 - A new, continuous cough
 - Loss or change to sense of smell or taste

Those who have been advised to self-isolate through “test and trace” or have been to a high risk country and are required to self-isolate will also not be permitted to attend Direct Dance.

By attending Direct Dance, you agree to adhere to the above procedures. Any persons who do not adhere to these procedures will not be permitted to attend. This policy is based on UK Government guidelines and will be reviewed regularly to reflect the latest advice. Please follow all government guidelines to ensure everyone’s safety.