



COVID Health and safety Guidelines

for reopening of

DanceMode Academy

Thursday 10th September 2020

DanceMode Academy is an IDTA community dance school in providing children's Street and Acro dance genres for children 4-18yrs.

In accordance with the government's directive on protection of virus we should be reopening the dance school commencing from 10th September 2020. Below we have listed internal health and safety concepts which is based on maintaining a safe and healthy environment for pupils and staff whilst also taking into account needs of the various dance genres, ages and levels which we teach

This plan is based on the use of our building and available space taking into account also the age of the pupil the type of dancing the performance level of the pupil and the relevant needs for sufficient oxygen and space.

We are following protocol on the advice of the government health authority in respect of Sport, Art and education.

Large events, such as the DMA Competition have been preliminary rescheduled for 2021. Further notifications will be sent once date confirmed.

Those who have registered for a specific class and time and given us their full name and contact details will be admitted to the building.

Please inform us if your contact details have changed since registration

We keep a register of all students who have entered the building and are present, at what time and for what purpose together with duration of visit.

No adults will be permitted to enter the venue whilst children's dance instruction is taking place

Should anyone be affected or been in contact with an affected person please do not travel to the premises.

If your child is ill please do not attend class.

In addition we are maintaining an internal list of pupils based on medical conditions disclosed to us at registration who could potentially fall into a risk category, to allow subtle segregation in the class. Please update us if your child has a medical condition undisclosed to us since registration or you feel have reason to be categorised into the risk category.

It is not compulsory for teachers or children to wear face masks whilst dancing in class due to medial concerns surrounding respiratory issues when exercising. However parents will be given the option to send their children to class with a face shield. If ordered in advance we can supply

children's face visor at £2.50 each

adult visors at £5 each

If you would like to place an order please email suzanne@dancemode.co.uk

We are following social distancing guidelines in class. To ensure we avoid 'close contact' throughout the lesson we will be placing markers on the studio floor to define each dancers personal designated dance area so dancers are always at least 2m apart.

Infant, Juniors and Senior dancers will be kept in separate 'bubbles'.

Each child will also be told to place their water bottle away from others.

New class times:

Infant Street : 4.45 - 5.25pm

Infant Acro : 5.30 -6.15pm

Junior Acro : 4.30 -5.25pm

Junior Street :5.35 - 6.30pm

Senior Street :6.40 - 7.35pm

Entering class safety procedure

Each teacher has been issued with a safety protocol which they follow. This comprises, letting class in, disinfection of pupils hands, allocating spacing, giving a verbal safety warning, guides to monitor pupils, spacing and other issues.

- * We will ensure that doors are wedged open to avoid door handles being touched.
- * To prevent traffic we ask can only one parent or responsible adult drop off and collect their child.
- * **Infant dancers** are asked not to enter the venue until the teacher is present and is standing at the reception sliding doors to greet them and direct them to the studio where they will be given some hand sanitiser before entering.
- * **Junior dancers** are to be dropped off at the venue. Juniors will queue socially distanced apart along the corridor leading to the studio entrance. Once the teacher lets them into the studio they will be asked to help themselves to hand sanitiser.
- * **Senior dancers** are to be dropped off at the venue and queue socially distanced apart outside the 'side corridor' studio door they usually use to enter into the studio. Once the class is scheduled to start the teacher lets them enter the studio they will then be asked to help themselves to hand sanitiser.
- * No one is to enter the dance studio if children from the previous class have still not been dismissed or a teacher is not present.
- * Pupils are advised to attend class already in dance attire with their own named water bottle and not bring any unnecessary coats/possessions into the studio.
- * If a change of shoes is required this must be done before entering the venue.
- * Class sizes will be limited to meet government guidelines.
- * During the warmer weather we are requesting parents of minors who wish to stay on the premises to wait outside the building in the fresh air.

Leaving class safety procedure

- * If the designated parent can arrive 5 mins early to collect their child this will ensure an efficient dismissal allowing the teacher to both quickly prepare the space and check that the hand sanitising stations are ready for the next class
- * Please note, due to social distancing rules parents can no longer wait in the reception room. In exceptional circumstances parents may be allowed to enter the waiting area if masked. So please be aware you are now required to gather/wait outside by the 'drop off/collection point' (external sliding entrance doors).

All students will be dismissed from the reception waiting room back to their parent by a teacher. Parents are to remain outside by the sliding doors drop off and collection point.

We have two first aid trained teachers and have arranged class schedules so that at all times one will be present.

Please note that risks and solutions are not set, but variable. This health and Safety guideline should therefore be considered as a work in progress document.

It is our proposal to review and change where necessary in either direction based on the government directives.

Any updates to this protocol will be transmitted to parents by a series of Emails and Social media