

# Infinity Dance and Theatre School

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## Coronavirus (COVID-19) HEALTH and SAFETY Policy.

Infinity Dance and Theatre School will follow government guidelines with regard to health and safety precautions to ensure the well-being of staff, students and visitors. Our priority is to ensure that the Infinity community feel safe and happy whilst taking part in our classes. It is important that everyone is aware of current COVID-19 advice and take precautions before, during and after all dance lessons.

The government's latest information and guidance can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-multi-purpose-community-facilities>

Infinity Dance and Theatre School will implement the following to ensure the health and safety of teachers, pupils and visitors:

- A risk assessment will be produced for each venue where classes are held. This will be in line with the procedures each venue has in place.
- Doors open to reduce touching door handles and improve ventilation.
- Instructions to be issued prior to reopening reminding users to wash hands prior to class and on leaving and entering the venue. When washing hands at a venue dry using paper towels if possible and dispose in bins provided.
- Hand sanitisers will be available on entering and leaving the building and to use as required after sneezing or coughing.
- Poster/leaflets available promoting good hygiene if allowed by venue.
- Teachers to wash hands/sanitise regularly in between classes.
- Only one person to use toilets at any one time.
- Every shared surface to be cleaned between classes. Toilet facilities wiped down after each use. Ballet barres to be wiped down after each class. Props to be used by one child only after which they will be disinfected. Provide bins for tissues that will be emptied regularly.
- Only one parent/carer to drop off and pick up where possible. It will be requested that the parent/carer will wait outside the relevant entrance and exit to drop off and collect their child. Children will be collected and taken to parents by class teacher.
- Different entry and exit points to be used as detailed in hall assessment.
- Breaks between classes to allow children of one class to leave and space to be cleaned before the next class enters.

- Dependent on room, classes to be limited in size and if required classes will be split and to allow for social distancing.
- Teachers to wear clear visors when required, when administering first aid and any close contact required with children.
- Primary pupils are currently not required by government regulations to wear masks. Senior school pupils are required to wear masks on entry and exit from class as per government guidelines. To mitigate covid transmission, pupils will be distanced from each other in 2m2 boxes.
- If a child shows covid symptoms they will be isolated from rest of class as per individual hall requirements and parents/carers contacted to collect child. IDTS will inform parents/carer's of rest of class. If child tests positive then all pupils and staff who have come into close contact with that child will need to self-isolate as per track and trace system. We will ensure registers are correct and up to date to enable track and trace system.
- Remind parents and carers that children should not attend class if they or anyone in household shows symptoms of Covid 19 including but not limited to a high temperature, a continuous cough and a loss or change to sense of smell and taste.
- Teachers to be mindful of children's mental health and to promote positive attitudes.
- Lost property from each session will be placed into a bag marked with date and place and will be available until the end of each half term for parents/carers to peruse and will then be destroyed.
- Full details will be given to parents/carers of all procedures that have been put in place. These details will be placed on the IDTS website so they are available to view at any time.

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