

COVID19 Policy

Pickup Dance Southampton's main aim is to ensure the safety of our customers at all time. We followed government advice on when to close the school to accommodate social distancing recommendations. Dance associations that we have memberships to include International Dance Teachers Association (IDTA), National Association of Teachers of Dancing (NATD) & Royal Academy of Dance (RAD). These companies along with the regularly updated advice provided by the Public Health England for education settings (link below) have provided the dance school with appropriate procedure for closing, educating during lockdown and how to return when the time comes.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

All previous health and safety policies are still valid during this time and all previously stated responsibilities are still enforced. Any teachers that may be witness to concerning behaviour are still obliged to take the appropriate steps laid out in our other available policies on the dancesouthampton.com website.

Though the dance school is not in a viably finance position to refund all the fees that had be paid up front these will not be lost. Payments towards future lessons will be taken out of any credit that parents/students have acquired. Since the summer show will not be taking place it also means that some people are entitled to refund for participations fees or costume hire fees. These are able to get refunded if that is desirable or customers are welcome to also use this as credit towards future lessons.

Any participation the dance school now haves with students will not be face to face. PDS will be exploring other means of keeping in contact; photos, videos and video chats. Everything posted on social media will comply with the previously signed consent forms which have an agreement about sharing photos and videos. If any students or parents change their mind about anything being shared then this will be instantly removed from all public places.

If there are any concerns about our policy then you're welcome to email Bryony Pickup on pickupdance2014@gmail.com or if there are concerns that you deem to be a higher risk then you can directly call the dedicated government helpline on 0800 046 8687.

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