

Zoom 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>

Previous policies set out by PDS state that a teacher will never be in an isolated room with a single student. Measures will be taken to make sure that if a student and a teacher are alone that this will take place in a room with windows in the door, otherwise the door will be left open for the duration of the whole lesson to ensure safety of both parties. Since this is harder to enforce using online lessons we are putting other precautions in place.

1. All lessons will be recorded on the zoom application and saved to PDS storage for 6 months. These will not be viewed by anyone outside of the organisation
2. Parents and students have the right to decide whether the student will be alone in them room
3. No one will be allowed to participate within an online class if their camera is not working as teachers cannot be sure of who is watching the lesson
4. Any injuries will be dealt with by parents
5. It is the parents/adults responsibility to check the safety of the space they are using. Staff usually make these checks at the start of each lesson and this job will now have to be completed by parents/adults

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.

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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