



## **BE.Dance Infection Control Policy**

BE.Dance is following the advice of Public Health England (PHE) and the Local Authority to ensure we are doing everything we can to help avoid the spread of this virus.

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a new strain of coronavirus first identified in Wuhan City, China. The Department of Health and Social Care and Public Health England (PHE) are carefully monitoring the coronavirus situation and have published information and advice for the general public and for schools.

PHE published 'Guidance to educational settings about COVID-19', which is available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

BE.Dance will follow this guidance which assists schools and other educational settings in providing advice for pupils, students, staff and parents / carers regarding:

- The novel coronavirus, COVID-19
- How to help prevent spread of all respiratory infections including COVID-19
- What to do if someone confirmed or suspected to have COVID-19 has been in a school or other educational setting
- What advice to give to individuals who have travelled from countries detailed in the guidance within the last 14 days

If you have symptoms, however mild, you should stay indoors at home and avoid contact with other people immediately and call NHS 111. Please do make sure you let us know. Unfortunately, we will not be able to issue refunds for anyone who is unable to attend due to self-isolation.

The situations is changing all the time, please keep yourselves up to date with UK Government Guidelines on the corona virus COVID-19:  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

Information regarding the virus can also be found on the NHS website at: <https://www.nhs.co.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

We really appreciate your help in this matter.

**To ensure we are continuing to do our best to maintain the wellbeing of our staff and BE.Dance families we have updated our policies.**

- Wash your hands. Pupils should wash their hands before and after each class. Saying the alphabet A-Z or singing happy birthday whilst washing will help to ensure they are washed properly.
- Sneezing into a tissue or elbow if no tissue is available and washing hands as soon as possible.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Staff will check with the buildings that we use that touched objects and surfaces within the dance studios are cleaned and disinfected frequently.
- During classes we have been advised to limit any activities where pupil to pupil and staff to pupil may have to hold hands.

**BE,Dance will...**

- Parents will not be permitted into the building in order to minimise contact.
- We ask that parents and students line up at the given drop off and collection points, maintaining a 2 meter distance.
- Students will be asked to come dressed in dancewear and not bring bags and other items where possible. Water bottles are acceptable.
- Where possible, put in place one-way systems to and from classes
- We will have hand sanitizer upon entry and exit and at key changeover points.
- 10 minute breaks between classes for essential cleaning.
- Those doing multiple classes will be asked to remain in the studio and wash hands between classes.
- Minimal or no use of shared equipment or materials.
- Equipment only used by one person before complete wash down.
- Social distancing will be put into practice in class, students will be allocated floor spots to stand on and maintain distance.
- We are aware of age-related social distancing readiness.
- Infection control for staff and/or subcontractors if working with others.
- Control measures on toilet/bathroom usage.
- We will put up easily readable signs to remind parents and students of what actions to take.
- Appointment only sessions- no walk in trial classes.
- Limiting the risk by 1-2-1 sessions only being with the same teacher.
- Screening questionnaires and self declarations for customers regarding contact with COVID-19 cases.