

## COVID Guidelines

We are excited to welcome everyone back to Stageworks Studios. We have made some changes to our normal routines to meet guidelines and make our Studios as safe as we can for your return. We ask that you read the following information and explain to your children the changes prior to arriving so that they are expecting them when they join us.

### **Coming to Class**

Please arrive at the Studios already wearing your full uniform for classes as changing facilities are restricted.

If you attend multiple classes we recommend that you wear your dance uniform as a base and put t shirts etc over the top. It is very important that you wear your uniform and not arrive in clothing worn elsewhere. It is suggested that once you are home that you change and wash your uniform ready for your next class.

We will be operating a one-way arrival and exit system as much as possible. Please arrive at our main entrance as usual.

Students are not allowed to wear outdoor shoes in class. Only appropriate indoor dance shoes will be acceptable, bare feet or socks are not allowed.

Please make sure this is arranged prior to arriving for class to avoid disappointment, as we are following guidelines and you will not be able to enter the class.

There will be an area for you to change their shoes inside the building. If you have a young child that you can carry from the car into the Studios already changed into their shoes, this will help us due restricted space. To help your young children with shoe changes, we suggest that you replace tap and jazz shoelaces with elastic so they can slip them on and off by themselves.

During our busiest Studio times (4 - 6pm Tues days & Thursdays, 9- 12pm Saturdays), a member of staff will meet you at the door and direct you to a waiting area for your child to wait, before the teacher collects them for their class.

Once your child is ready for their class, we request that you leave the building and wait in your cars if possible. For parents of our youngest students, we understand you may need to stay nearby and we have some limited seating inside. Any adult entering the building will need to wear a facemask or visor throughout their time at the Studios.

We will have an area for each Studio for students to change shoes and leave their bag and coats. We ask you to only bring in what you need for class, no toys, phones or anything unnecessary.

All students will need to sanitise their hands before entering the class. We will have sanitising stations available outside each studio. However, we suggest that students bring with them a personal one that they are already used to using at home if possible.

### **In Class**

The teacher will ask the students to work within a box that is marked on the floor. For most dance classes we stand in a pattern or lines anyway, so this will not feel too strange for them. Teachers will wear a face mask or visor when moving around the class to teach. They may also stand behind a full - length clear screen or speak to the mirror instead of towards the class to demonstrate and give instruction.

We will be limiting the use of props and floorwork in class. Any props that are used in class for exam work will be sanitised after each use. If floor work is necessary for a class, teachers will request a student to bring in an exercise mat or towel to avoid contact with the floor.

All students aged 11 plus and adults will be required to wear a face mask around the building. Students will be expected to maintain social distancing in the classes and this means masks will not need to be worn. However, it is an individual personal choice.

### **Leaving the Class**

We ask parents to wait by the side door exit (a video of how to find the door will be posted on our Facebook page). Please be there at least 5 minutes prior to class finishing time. A member of staff will bring the students from their class to the side door for collection.

Once students have left the class teachers will clean any touch points in their studio ready for the next class. For students that have gaps between multiple classes on one visit to the Studios will be allocated a place to wait if they wish to stay at the Studios.

### **At the Studios**

We ask that everyone visiting Stageworks keep their distance at all times

In and around the building staff will all be wearing facemasks or visors.

The toilets will be open and these will be cleaned at various points throughout the sessions.

Phone lines during our busy times – between 4- 6pm Tuesday & Thursday and 9 - 12pm Saturday will be limited. Reception will also not be open during these times as staff will be assisting to maintain safety guidelines.

If you require uniform please contact us to book a appointment via email [info@stageworksstudio.co.uk](mailto:info@stageworksstudio.co.uk).