

COVID-19: POLICY FOR RETURNING TO CLASS SAFELY

SA Performing Arts Centre (the Centre or SA) aims to provide staff, students and parents/ guardians with relevant information to support your return to class.

The purpose of this policy:

- * To help protect students and parents who attend our Centre, as well as the staff that work here.
- * To provide parents and staff with the processes we have put in place to ensure classes are safe and compliant with government Covid-19 guidelines.

Legal framework: This policy has been drawn up on the basis of legislation, policy and guidance:

- * Gov.uk: Coronavirus (Covid-19): guidance for schools and other educational settings
- * Department for Education
- * Public health England
- * Council for Dance, Drama and Musical Theatre (CDMT)

Before arriving for class:

- * If a child feels unwell with any form of illness or has a high temperature they should not be brought to class.
- * Parents must explain and ensure their children understand social distancing before attending.
- * Children should only bring necessary personal items in one bag; coats and outdoor wear should be left at home or with a parent/ guardian.
- * Food and drink should be brought in one bag which can easily be carried.

Arrival at the Centre:

- * Students should be dropped off at a specific, allocated door to the Centre; no parents or guardians will be admitted without specific reason.
- * Students must arrive at their allocated time to ensure social distancing can be observed and students are able to go straight to their groups.
- * Students will be met and escorted from drop of points to their studio by an SA member of staff.
- * Hand sanitiser will be available on entry and at various points throughout the Centre.
- * Signs on hygiene and other Covid-19 procedures will be visible at the entrance and throughout the venue.

Groups:

- * Students will be split into small groups, forming a 'bubble'. This will make up the class for the period of the course.
- * Bubbles will not mix throughout the day.

Activities:

- * Only necessary equipment will be used.
- * Most activities will be carried out in large spaces and kept well-ventilated with windows and doors kept open when safe to do so.
- * Students should be aware that activities may not be the same as pre-Covid.
- * All activities will be carried out following social distancing guidelines.
- * An SA staff member will clean down all equipment at the end of an activity.

Hygiene:

- * Hygiene stations will be available for students and staff to access on entry, during and after class. This will include: a rubbish bag, hand sanitiser, antibacterial spray, and antibacterial wipes. There will also be a supply of PPE (disposable gloves and masks) if they need to come in close contact with a student.
- * Staff and students should wash their hands at regular intervals.
- * Specific toilets will be identified for each group, and students will only be allowed to go in restricted numbers.

Cleaning:

- * Toilets will be cleaned at regular intervals throughout the day.
- * Soap dispensers and hygiene stations will be checked often to ensure they are full and working.
- * Contact points, such as doors and barres, will be cleaned throughout the day.
- * All equipment will be cleaned at the end of the day.








If a student presents with symptoms whilst at the Centre:

- * The student will be taken to a specific area and their parent/ guardian called to collect from class.
- * The group will be moved to another area and the studio deep-cleaned.
- * Parents of other students in the class will be advised of a possible case via 'track and trace'; and if a case is confirmed government guidelines will be implemented.

Collection:

- * Social distancing should be observed when collecting students from class.
- * Students should be collected from a specific, allocated door to the Centre.
- * Students must be collected at their allocated time.

A round up of how we will be keeping everyone safe in the studio:

-  REDUCED CLASS SIZES
-  SOCIAL-DISTANCED ACTIVITIES AND TRAINING
-  HYGEINE AND COVID-19 SIGNAGE VISABLE THROUGHOUT THE CENTRE
-  ENHANCED CLEANING ROUTINES
-  HYGEINE STATIONS
-  ISOLATION PROCEDURE FOR ANYONE DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS ON SITE
-  PPE AVAILABLE FOR STAFF IF NEEDED