COVID-19 Response Operations and Procedures for Parents and Students



1. Coming to Class

All students can be dropped off at the front door. There will be a member of staff waiting to receive students at the main door. For all students aged 3 – 6 years, please can parents line up outside the front door socially distanced by 2 metres. Parents are not allowed inside.

Students will only be allowed into class 5mins before class. Please do not try enter the centre before the staff member has come to collect your child from the main door.

Social distancing must be maintained at all times. Parents will only be allowed in, in an emergency. Parents are not to gather outside any premises.

<u>Bathroom</u>: Please can you make sure all students before entering the centre have gone to the toilet. If students need to go to the bathroom, all students must wash hands afterwards. Toilets will be cleaned thoroughly throughout the day.

2. When Students Enter the Centre

Teachers are required to wear masks at all times

We will ensure all hands are sanitised as they arrive.

Masks are to be worn wear advised to.

3. What Can Students Bring to Class

Students are only allowed to bring in a bottle of water to class. Changing dance shoes: students will sit on their space/chairs to change shoes. Please can all little ballerina's have their Ballet shoes on if they are not able to put them on themselves. <u>Toys or accessories are NOT allowed.</u>

Students will need to be dressed ready to start class straight away. They will be allocated a space/chair by the wall where they can put their drink and coat. They will also wait at that space/chair while others arrive.

Students if bringing phones to class must stay in their coats/bags at all time. They must not be taken out in class at all !

4. New Class Layout

Our floors will have spots and where the students can safely be free to dance. There will be a marked off teacher area at the front of the hall where students are not permitted and one by our desk, so that teachers can direct, drink water, change music, etc without students within 2m of them.

5. End of Class

At the end of each class we will ask the students to sanitises their hands before leaving.

6. Collecting Students after Class

Where possible there will be a one way system in place. You will be shown the correct collection point at the start of the term.

Please can parents line up socially distanced by the designated exit door and we will bring your child out to you. For our senior students please can you outline in an email that you allow your child to walk to the car park to meet you unsupervised otherwise parents will need to collect from the allocated door.



<u>Parents must arrive 5 mins before the end of class</u>. Students need to be collected on time as the teacher needs to clean down the room between classes.

7. In a situation if Covid – 19 has been suspected / confirmed.

We will follow the HSE guidance.

8. If a Student is Unwell

We are asking parents to be vigilant and sensible and if your child is anyway unwell or showing any symptoms of Covid -19, **please do not send them to class.** For us to be able to keep our school open relies on our parents not sending unwell students to class.

If a child outlines that they are feeling unwell in class, the parent will be phoned straight away to come collect them and they will be isolated away from staff and students until they are able to be collected.

9. Teachers

All our teachers have been thoroughly trained so they are able to get back to teaching the wonderful students of M2M. Teachers will remain 2 metres away from students while teaching. If a teacher needs to get closer to the students to correct placement or spot them on a tumble etc they will be wearing a face mask and sanitised their hands/wear gloves where needed.

10. Government guidelines

Please do not send your child to class if they have been out of the country until they have completed the recommend self-isolation of 14 days.

Continued Assessment of Guidelines from Government

Each class will be going over the new rules each week until this becomes our new normal. For right now, most of this goes against our human nature. The hardest part will be greeting parents and students and saying bye at the end of a day or week without hugs and high fives. But the students will adapt quickly and so will we.

We will continue to monitor closely the guidelines set out by the government. If we are advised to close again we will finish out the term classes online so students do not miss out and we are able to keep the school open.

On the return to class form or registration form by signing it you are agreeing to all our policies and procedures stated above.

Thank you so much for your continued support in these strange times. We are all continue to learn and live with this new normal and we look forward so much to getting back to all our fantastic students.

Many thanks

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