

STUDIO 23 PERFORMING ARTS

COVID-19 STRATEGY PLAN - AUGUST 2020

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The purpose of this document is to set out what Studio 23 will be putting in place to mitigate the impact of COVID-19

By introducing these measures we are hoping for the following:

1. To try to reduce the impact of the disease on all service users of the Ackroyd, St Saviours Church Hall and all students (aged 5 years and over) attending Studio 23 classes.
2. To offer a gradual return to normality for all students who attend Studio 23 for dance and drama. Singing classes are not permitted at the moment.
3. To aim to provide a healthy environment where all students can attend classes feeling as safe and protected as possible.
4. To provide information as to the procedures Studio 23 has adopted to minimise risk to all students, staff and parents/carers.

COMMUNICATION IS THE BEST POLICY.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, Studio 23 staff and parents rely heavily on updated communication. Therefore please advise us immediately of any of the following:

- If a student has just returned from any country outside the United Kingdom in the past 14 days. (We would expect that the student would not attend any classes at Studio 23 until a 14 day period of isolation or quarantine has been undertaken, following the Government's current recommendation).
- If a student or anybody within their household is not feeling well and is showing Covid-19 symptoms. We ask that you stay at home and contact NHS Direct for assistance.
- If a student or anybody within their household is tested positive for Covid-19 and the student attended a class within the previous 14 days. Please do not rely on the test and trace systems to inform Studio 23.

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Studio 23 commit to informing parents, carers, staff and students of the following, if affected, whilst maintaining the strictest confidence:

- If a member of staff reports symptoms and has been in contact with students within the previous 14 days.
- If a member of staff or someone in their household tests positive for Covid-19 and has been in contact with students within the previous 14 days.
- If student or someone in their household tests positive for Covid-19 and has been in contact with students within the previous 14 days.

BEFORE ATTENDING A STUDIO 23 CLASS.

Clothing & Footwear – Students can wear a **mask if parents wish**. Students and staff should only wear the clothing that they will be performing in. All students should arrive dressed for class, leave in the same clothes and shower at home upon return. Students and staff will not be allowed to take any clothing off during any of the classes. Students must make sure that they have their dance shoes pre-packed in their bags. There will be no spare shoes available to temporarily use within the class.

Washroom – Because the Ackroyd Community Centre and St Saviour's Church Hall are community use venues, the toilets are shared. Toilets will be cleaned at the beginning of the day, but there is minimal capacity to maintain the cleanliness. Students are asked to use their own washroom before travelling to their dance classes. Where students may do more than one class and need to use the facilities, wipes will be available to wipe down before and after use.

Food – No food should be eaten at any Studio 23 venues. Use of any kitchen facilities at both sites will be totally off limits. Therefore, please make sure that your child has eaten before arriving at classes and ensure they bring their own filled water bottle.

Payment – Unfortunately, to reduce contact, we can only accept online payments for classes and uniform.

TRAVELLING TO ANY STUDIO 23 VENUES.

Walking, cycling, or use of private transport – students and staff travelling to any Studio 23 venues using private transport or walking must make sure they remove their shoes and place them in a sealed plastic bag, outside the venue. Staff will place their shoes in their personal bag. Students' parents/carers are asked to take their children's outdoor shoes away. Any students who arrive alone will need to contact the school for arrangements. **No outdoor shoes or students' personal bags will be allowed in the dance rooms.**

Public Transport - students & staff travelling on public transport must wear a face mask and remove them on entering any allocated dance rooms, unless there is a reason for continuing to wear the mask. Removal of outdoor shoes is essential. They must be placed in a sealed plastic bag and then placed in student's or staff's personal bag before entering any dance rooms. Students' parents/carers will take their children's outdoor shoes away. Any students who arrive alone will need to contact the school for arrangements. **No outdoor shoes or students' personal bags are allowed in the dance rooms.**

WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT THE VENUE.

When students/adults arrive at any Studio 23 venue, we ask that everybody queue outside the venue, keeping 2 metres distance from each other, whilst showing awareness of other users of the pavement.

Teachers will open the doors to the venue only when the dance room is completely cleared of all students from the previous lesson and all equipment has been cleaned.



TIMING OF START AND ENDING OF CLASSES.

Timing of classes will be changing. We ask that students arrive 10 minutes before the designated start time of their classes. This will give teachers enough time to temperature check all students entering the dance room. Any student's temperature reading 37.8 Celsius or greater will be asked to return home and will be advised to seek medical advice.

This additional time will also give the students enough time to sanitize their hands and put their dance shoes on before the class starts. **Please note any late arrivals will not be allowed to join the class for the health and safety of all.**

WHAT WILL HAPPEN DURING THE CLASSES?

Parents/Friends – Parents, family or friends are not be allowed to watch classes or wait for students within the dance rooms or entrance areas. Parents and friends can wait outside the building until the class has finished, but with awareness of other users of the road and pavements. Collection of students will occur after the class has finished at the designated area which will be signposted at each venue.

Teachers & Students – The teacher will teach at the side of every class, with students standing in the room facing the front. Face masks **may** be worn by teachers and assistants during the class but social distancing should suffice. Students will be asked to stand within certain areas within the room, which adhere to the government guidance on 2 metres social distancing. Both teachers and students will be unable to shout or raise their voices. Any raised voices during the classes will disperse small droplets throughout the atmosphere, which could be a risk to health. Doors and windows will be kept open to ensure a regular flow of fresh air. Students must try not to touch chairs, tables, walls or any painted poles within the room. They will be permitted to use ballet barres during the class, which will be cleaned after every class. If any child becomes unwell and/or shows symptoms of Covid-19 during a class, parents will be contacted to collect them.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN CLASSES FINISH AT THE ACKROYD?

When classes have finished at The Ackroyd, please collect your child at the end of the pathway from the rear fire door,



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WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN CLASSES FINISH AT ST SAVIOURS CHURCH HALL?

When classes have finished at St Saviours Church small or large hall, please collect your child at the rear door at the right side of the hall near the enclosed play area.

When collecting your child, please maintain social distancing.

