

## Covid-19 Safety Measures at the Jill Bridger School of Dance - September 2021

Current students and parents will be aware that at the school's re-opening in September 2020 and subsequent re-openings post the November 2020 and Spring term 2021 lockdowns we followed a number of government led restrictions to ensure a safe delivery of classes during the Covid-19 pandemic. We are hopeful that the continuation of vaccine programme is allowing a return to normality. However, with the current easing and removal of government restrictions, we are entering uncharted territory with the return to classes in September and we remain cautious. We are thus phasing in just a few areas of our normal class practices gradually over the Autumn Term so that we can put on the brakes quickly should a rise in Covid cases dictate a return to restricted practices. Below are a summary of our safety measures for the start of this Autumn term 2021. We will review them regularly and update parents of any changes.

- Drop off /collection and parent waiting procedures: This will continue to be arranged according to the age of children and the venue specifics. We will communicate this to parents as a separate document. **Please read carefully as it may include changes to last school year.**
- Class spacing and content: We will continue to encourage students to space out well in classes. The use of spot mats may continue in some classes where the teacher feels it will help the students. Travelling movements on the diagonal and in a circle together with following in a line will return. Hand holding, partner work and physical contact will be phased in after we have had a number of weeks to review the state of play as we head into the Autumn and Winter months.
- Face masks/coverings are recommended for parents entering the buildings and joining in with parent & toddler classes. Teachers will continue to wear face masks/coverings when moving round communal areas and we suggest they are worn by secondary age students on arrival and exit.
- Hand sanitiser will continue to be available at each venue for use on arrival, exit and during the class. Thorough hand washing and hygiene measures will continue to be reinforced at all times.
- Ballet barres and touch points will continue to be wiped down.
- If a student is late arriving at class, a parent/carer may enter the venue to bring the child to the studio door. In this instance the parent would be required to wear a face covering.
- If a parent is late collecting a student, the student will stay in the studio in a designated area to wait for her parent. The parent/carer may enter the building, wearing a face covering and come to the studio door to collect her child.
- We will continue not to share props in class. Used props will be wiped down or put aside for a minimum of 72 hours before reuse.
- The adjustments to procedures for stickers, sticker card signing and special days will continue and is detailed in a separate document. Teachers will be phasing in a return to placing stickers on children waiting in a line for their turn. Teachers will wear a mask for this.
- Little Bear Feet and Melody Movement Level 1 children may return to bringing in a teddy or doll again to use at the end of the class for the lullaby. For the time being, the toy will stay with the parent rather than sitting with Melody Bear. Melody Movement Level 2 classes (i.e. classes working towards parents staying outside) won't yet return to bringing a teddy or doll to sit with Melody Bear - we will review this during the term.
- We continue to recommend students come to class in their uniform (a coat over the top if the weather dictates) to keep the time spent changing before and after class to a minimum. We recommend sliders over ballet shoes.
- Students to go to the toilet before coming to class.
- Ventilation: We will be continuing to keep windows open to maintain good ventilation. We suggest ballet wrapovers to keep warm. Should we get to colder months and need additional layers over the wrapover, students are asked to wear non-baggy tops so teachers can see their body alignment.
- Students records to be kept up to date should test, track and trace be required.
- Students showing any sign of illness before class should not attend. If a child feels unwell at the class, each venue will have a designated waiting area for the child to wait whilst we arrange collection.

