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CHILD PROTECTION POLICY & PROCEDURES

At NOTTINGHAM THEATRE DANCE SCHOOL our first priority is your child's safety and welfare.

We recognise that we have a responsibility to safeguard the welfare of your child and to reassure you that appropriate policies and procedures are in place to ensure that your child takes part in classes at the school within a safe and secure environment.

The safety of children is paramount, and all, without exception, have the right to protection from abuse. All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately. All staff and volunteers at the school have a responsibility to report concerns.

PURPOSE AND FUNCTION OF ORGANISATION

To provide dance classes and training to children and young adults.

THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT

School staff and volunteers will use their best endeavours in co-operation with parents and other responsible adults, to ensure a safe and secure environment at all times.

THOSE TO WHOM THE POLICY APPLIES

The policy applies to children under the age of 18 years.

SCHOOL PERSONNEL

All teachers / guest teachers are selected subject to interviews / or recommendation as being suitably qualified to teach dance to children and young people. Staff will have Enhanced Criminal Record Disclosures and First Aid Training.

PREPARATION FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE SCHOOL

A copy of this policy will be displayed on the notice boards at the premises used for teaching purposes. Parents / guardians / carers must ensure that young people under the age of 18 are accompanied and supervised at all times when not in dance class or rehearsal.

CHANGING AREA AND RECEPTION AREA

Changing, toilets and reception areas are unsupervised and parents / guardians / carers should be mindful of their responsibilities under the above mentioned.

PHOTOGRAPHS, VIDEO RECORDINGS AND PRESS PHOTOGRAPHY

From time to time photographs or video recordings may be made by school staff or appointed professionals for use in archive or in material used in promotion of the school. If any parent / guardian / carer objects to their child appearing in such material, it is their responsibility to ensure their child is not included in the photograph or video.

LEGISLATION AND GUIDANCE THAT SUPPORTS THIS POLICY

The Children Act 1989 : The Police Act 1997 : The Protection of Children Act 1999 : The Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000 : The Children's Act 2004