

Dance Fusion Terms and Conditions

1. Starting/ Leaving the dancing school

All new pupils must register on our system prior to their first lesson. New pupils will be entitled a three week trial which will be charged at three half price lessons, this will be invoiced and should be paid prior to their first lesson. There is no obligation to continue after the trial period is over if we are not the right fit for you and your child. Should you wish to continue, the remaining balance for the term will be sent via invoice at full price.

If your child wishes to leave the dancing school, half a terms notice is needed in writing. Any unpaid fees will also need to be paid. If your child wishes to return to the school up to 6 months after leaving, they will not be required to re-pay the registration fee, ensuring the proper process has been followed.

2. Class level

At Dance Fusion we cover Ballet, Tap, Modern, Acrobatic Arts and Hip Hop. Classes are organised in grades and children should take part in the correct class suitable for their age and ability. Most children will move up to the next grade following an exam session and others may be invited to move up if an exam session is not taking place and their teacher feels they would be better suited to a higher ability class.

Teenage starters can attend additional lower graded classes for free to help build up technique.

Older students are invited to partake in a higher grade classes if one is available only if they continue to attend their current class.

3. Behaviour

Bad behaviour/ bullying will not be tolerated during class. We have a safeguarding policy in place which can be provided upon request. Parents are asked to leave the room during lesson time to allow the students to focus. There is a Watching Week which takes place at the end of the Winter Term and the end of Summer Term during an exam year.

4. Fees

Fees are due at the beginning of the term and you can choose to pay for a full term or half term. Those with more than one child attending classes with Dance Fusion are entitled to Sibling Discount. This means that the youngest sibling gets a 10% discount on the total fees due each term. Fees may vary in price due to the length of the term. We are unable to give a refund for any absences. Refunds will only be given if there has been a cancelation on behalf of the teacher and an alternative venue/date/teacher has not been supplied.

5. Uniform

Our uniform is available to order and should be worn in every lesson. Our Uniform allows for ease of movement and correction of body lines. Hair should be neatly tied back and off the face. Jewellery, such as watches/necklaces/rings etc. should be removed before class. Correct footwear should be worn for each lesson. Warm up clothing may be worn over uniform especially when the weather is cold, but please try to avoid thick hoodies/jumpers/jackets and cardigans. Dance warm up clothing can be purchased and worn during the lesson. Children will not be allowed to wear their outdoor coats to dance in. Children who fail to wear correct uniform will be given a verbal warning on the first instance, a written warning on the 2nd instance and will not be allowed to take part in their lesson on the 3rd instance. This does not apply if you have ordered uniform and there is a delivery delay.

6. Lesson Time

Lessons are run back to back with Monday and Saturday being our busiest day. Please try to arrive on time to ensure your child gets their maximum lesson time. Often, I (Alex) will have other commitments elsewhere at the end of the last session so please try and inform us if you will be late picking your child up from class. Please leave quietly so that the following class is not disrupted. If you wish to discuss any

issues with me please don't hesitate to call, email or text and I will respond as soon as I can. All Monday classes should use our one way system for drop off and pick up.

7. **Absence/Lateness** A register is kept for every lesson and lateness is also recorded. Please try to avoid missing class during important periods such as the lead up to a Show/Exams. If you know your child will be absent, please inform me via text/phone/ email or Facebook.

8. **Term Letters** Term letters are emailed at the beginning or end of each term. Please make sure you read them as I don't always get an opportunity to speak to parents one to one. If for any reason you don't receive the latest newsletter it can be downloaded from our website.

9. **Theatre Trips**

The dancing school is signed up for School discount with the Theatre Royal. This means that the students get discounted tickets for productions held at the Theatre Royal. Tickets are booked in advance and are on a first come first serve basis. Prices Vary.

10. **Bi-Annual Show**

Dance Fusion's Summer show takes place every other year at the end of the Summer term. Dances for the show are learnt during normal class hours and I aim to include everyone. There may be several extra rehearsals in the final weeks leading up to the show and it is very important that your child attends. A costume fee is due for each Summer show which will cover the cost of hiring/making your child's costumes. Any costume fee not received by the show date will prevent your child from taking part. If costumes have already been made for your child and they decide to pull out of the show, there will be no refund. Please let me know as soon as possible if your child is unable to take part in the Summer show once the date is confirmed as this will affect choreography.

11. **Exams**

Your teachers are registered with the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing and fully qualified to enter children for exams in Ballet, Tap and Modern. The ISTD is a recognised examining board across the UK and abroad. The school enters students for exams every other year. All students who are deemed ready to take their exam will be invited to do so. Each exam is subject to an exam fee as stated by the ISTD. Fees cover a number of costs which will be included on the exam letter. There will also be several extra lessons and a mock exam session leading up to an exam and independent practice is strongly encouraged. I reserve the right to prevent a student from taking an exam if the correct level of progress is not achieved, this will result in the loss of your child's exam fee. Exams must be booked months in advance so please give plenty of notice if you do not wish your child to take part in an exam session.

12. **Sickness**

If your child has been off school with a sickness bug or has tested positive with covid please do not send them to class.

Refunds will not be giving for missing one week due to sickness, however you will be in credit if your child has a prolonged absence due to illness (missing 3 consecutive sessions or more).