

## Dance Fusion Safeguarding Policy 2021

The sole purpose of Dance Fusion is to educate children and adults in Tap, Modern, Ballet, Acrobatic Arts and Hip Hop Dance. The safety of our students is always a top priority in lessons to teach correct technique in a safe and clean environment and limit any physical and mental harm to a student.

### 1. During Class- Physical Safety

To limit physical harm during class children are required to dance in correct clothing, removing loose Jewellery and with their hair tied back. Appropriate footwear should be worn always. The Teacher (Alex) at Dance Fusion are fully qualified in their field and endeavour to teach correct technique to limit the risk of physical injury to a child. She is also First aid trained and regularly update their training. Alex has access to a basic first aid kit either on the premises or upon their person. All accidents will be recorded in an Accident Book, and sufficient information will be relayed to the parents. If an Injury requires professional medical attention then the Emergency services will be contacted, along with the primary contact provided by the parent. All allergies or medical issues are made known to the teacher at Dance Fusion.

Matts are used for Acrobatic Arts to limit the risk of physical injury.

### 2. Leaving Class

A child will only be allowed to leave with a known parent or guardian, unless notice has been given by the parent that another individual is picking their child up. Children are to remain in the same room as their teacher until the individual picking up has arrived. Any child who has not been picked up will remain on the premises under their teachers care until a parent or guardian arrives. If a parent is late every effort will be made to contact them or failing that the emergency contact listed on the register. Parents of local children who can walk home, must give permission to their dance teacher to ensure the safety of the child.

### 3. Bullying

We do not tolerate bullying in any form at Dance Fusion, from either, another student, a parent or the teacher. Bullying can affect mental wellbeing and our teachers do their utmost to dispel any sign of verbal or physical bullying in class. Children who feel they are being bullied may talk to Alex confidentially if a situation arises. Minor incidents will be dealt with in a calm manner during class. Major accounts of bullying will be brought up confidentially with the parents of the child/ children in question.

### 4. Language

The use of bad language and swearing is not permitted in class. Non-Syllabus music used by the teacher will first be checked for swear words and appropriateness of content before being played in class. This is also true of a public performance.

### 5. Social Media

As outlined in our Privacy Policy we only share video/ photographs of students on three social platforms, Instagram, Facebook and our Website. Only those children with permission from parents will appear on social media posts. Any parents who wish to change these permissions have the right to do so. Names of under 18's are not used when pictures or videos are posted.

### 6. Equality for all

At Dance Fusion we try our best to cater for all abilities, nationalities, religious beliefs, genders, sexual orientation and age groups. We do not discriminate based on any of the above reasons and will endeavour to adapt lessons to suit everyone so that they can get the

most out of their time with us. We lead by example to be inclusive of everybody and expect the students to do the same.

7. Covid-19

We currently have a covid-19 policy in place across all of our whole school. This can be found on our website [www.dancefusion-plymouth.co.uk](http://www.dancefusion-plymouth.co.uk) and must be complied with at all times until the government gives notifications to lift all restrictions.

8. Responding to concerns

Any concerns regarding Safeguarding can be brought up with your child's teacher or relayed directly to me (Alex Robinson) if I do not teach your child. Concerns will be dealt in a calm and rational manner. A written recording of serious concerns will be made in a case where future reference is required.