

Hello everyone,

COVID NOVEMBER LOCKDOWN

Some of you have contacted us about Dance Schools being an Education facility, please see below statement taken from 'One Dance' and Dfe

Are children's private dance school classes and other out-of-school dance activities permitted to take place?

As outlined in the guidance for education and childcare settings on new national restrictions from 5 November, where provision is taking place outside of school, this provision should only operate to enable parents to work, search for work, or attend education or training, or where it is used for the purposes of respite care, including for vulnerable children.

Out-of-school activities that are primarily used by home educating parents as part of their arrangements for their child to receive a suitable full-time education (which could include, for example, tuition centres, supplementary schools, or private tutors) may also continue to operate.

All other out-of-school activity, including school-based extra-curricular activity, which is not being primarily used by parents for these purposes, should close for face to face provision but can offer remote education, for the duration of the national restrictions.

Let us take a moment to think about why we are all going into a 4week lockdown, and having to stop all our dance classes and private lessons

It is to stop the spread of the Virus (which is done with people mixing), not a miracle cure but a slow down to help the NHS cope and to get nearer a vaccine.

So no matter what venue we use be it a Dance Studio, Dance School, Village Hall etc it is still a place where different people come together to learn to dance, maybe take exams, maybe even move onto competitions but it is still bringing people together and therefore putting Teachers and pupils at risk.

These are indeed sad times and some of us are luckier than others. Please give a thought to a lot of our Teachers who have to use village Halls, Community Centres, Leisure Centres, they have had no choice about stopping their classes or private lessons, their venues have been locked down and in some cases until the new year some permanently.

This is just an 'Interval', the next Act is waiting in the wings

Regards
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