

# A.R.T.S.

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Dear Parents/Carers,

To ensure the safety of your child /children, which is very important to us, we have taken the following precautions and we need your support to make this work. We are fully committed to the safety of staff and pupils and following these procedures by both pupils and parents is a condition of your child attending the school. Your agreement is therefore required.

We will be following the ISTD and Government guidelines, these are subject to change and we will advise you accordingly

Please read the following carefully and make your child/children aware that things will be a bit different at A.R.T.S. Lessons will still be fun!

## **Illness /Fitness to Dance**

- If your child/children are feeling unwell or are displaying any signs or symptoms of COVID-19, temperature, persistent dry cough, loss of smell or taste, or if any family member or someone in your household is displaying COVID-19 symptoms, your child/children must not attend A.R.T.S. Please contact me to let me know.
- If any member of your household develops any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 in the week following a class, please let me know as soon as possible, so that other class members and teachers can be advised.
- If anyone at A.R.T.S. shows any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 during class, we will isolate them and call you immediately to come and collect them. They must be taken home and the Government advise 'Guidance for households with possible or confirmed Covid-19 infection' should be followed and a test arranged. Please notify us if they have a positive test.

Please make sure you have given us  
up to date contact details, emergency contact details.

Please also update us if you child/children have any medical conditions that we need to know about e.g. allergies, asthma and if they have any medication with them, e.g. inhaler.

Pupils should arrive ready in their uniform, with their dancing shoes in a bag and a school hoodie or a long sleeve pink or black top. Outdoor shoes will need to be kept in the bag during

lessons Please ensure your child/children only bring essential items such as a small hand sanitiser, water and lunch or a snack. Please no crisps or crispy type snacks or chocolate. If your child is allergic or cannot use hand sanitiser please bring an alternative.

Frequent hand washing or sanitising with hand gel by all, will take place on arrival, before leaving Barkingside Methodist Church Halls and also when entering and leaving each lesson, before and after food, and after using the toilets.

Hand sanitisers will be at both the entrance and exit to the church and in all halls.

There will be time for cleaning, such as barres, chairs and other frequently touched surfaces. between lessons.

The toilets will be open but please could you make sure that your child/children go to the toilet before they leave home.

There will be no group singing lessons for the time being

### **Arrival/Exit**

We would encourage only 1 parent/carer to bring or collect your child/children to and from A.R.T.S. To control the number of people in the building parents/carers will not be allowed to enter, except in an emergency.

The Entrance to the halls or drop off will be via the Fremantle Road entrance.

The exit or collection point will be at the Fairlop Road side of the halls.

Parents/carers please arrive promptly at arrival and collection time

For safety reasons we cannot provide car parking facilities for parents/carers, but we will trial a one way a drop off system through the hall carpark. Please enter at the entrance nearest to the roundabout and keep to the right hand side of the car park. Exit via the exit closest to the vets. Please drive in carefully and watch out for pedestrians. Pedestrians have priority. There is limited parking on the road just outside the church car park.

On arrival, please wait in the car park. socially distancing, close to the wall of the church building to the left-hand side of the entrance, when facing the church, until your child/children is called in by a member of staff. The parent/carer should then leave by the exit closest to the vets. Older pupils may wait by themselves, if they have parental permission, but must maintain social distancing. Watch out for cars. Please arrive promptly at the appointed time.

If you arrive late, please ring the doorbell at the Fremantle Road entrance, stand at the bottom of the steps and wait to be let in.

It is a requirement of the Church that pupils aged 11 years and over must wear a mask when entering the building, in the corridors when they change halls for lessons and as they exit.

Masks do not have to be worn in lessons, unless the pupil or parent wishes them to do so, but should be put in a self-sealing plastic bag in their own bag.

Pupils will be registered by a member of staff.

### **In the halls**

Halls will be marked to assist pupils with their social distancing.

Class numbers will be restricted to maintain social distancing.

Class content will be re choreographed/altered to support distancing.

Rooms will be well ventilated, so in colder weather a school hoodie or a long sleeve black or pink top might need to be worn.

Hand sanitisers will be available in each room.

Rooms will be cleaned between lessons.

### **Uniform**

Uniform can be obtained from:

Arabesque at Zinc Arts Theatre, Great Stony, High St, Chipping Ongar CM5 0AD  
Tel:01277 368356 Mobile:07912 760 504 Email:sales@arabesquecostumes.com

If you wish to visit the shop to purchase uniform you will need to make an appointment. Alternatively, you can visit their website and order on line. arabesquecostumes.com Hopefully, very soon, when you visit the website, you will be able to get to our page by clicking on Dance School Uniforms, then in the drop-down box click on A.R.T.S and you will then get to our page.

Black School Hoodies and t shirts with red logo can be obtained from: Inprints TShirt Printers  
- Unit 26 Romford Shopping Hall, 43 Market Place RM1 3AB 01708 751602

### **Agreement**

***By my child/children attending A.R.T.S I agree with the following statement;  
"I have read, accept and will follow the guidelines above and I will not send my child/children to A.R.T.S if they are unwell or are displaying any signs or symptoms of COVID-19. ~***

If you have any concerns please contact me by email or text, details at the top of this letter..

With very best wishes

Miss Christine