



Physical Contact Policy

This policy is written in conjunction with observations from KCSIE, a UK framework designed to protect children from harm in educational settings.

Dance is a physical skill and in order to help and facilitate the participant or student's learning the teacher will need, at times, to physically guide a movement by touch. Contact by the teacher is made, with awareness of the needs of each individual student and to assist dancers in correcting their placement.

The company accepts that it is necessary to appropriately adjust parts of the body (i.e. an arm or foot) to help the student understand the correct positions that are needed in dance. Teachers will treat any physical contact with due sensitivity, care and will always follow the safeguarding policies that are in place to protect everyone.

Parents/Carers and Students are informed of this policy through our website. Parents and students agree to this form of teaching by submitting an application to attend the course. Students are encouraged to speak to their teacher or another member of staff if they feel they are uncomfortable with physical contact by staff at any point.

Participant Understanding and Awareness

It is encouraged that participant's have a voice and are confident to 'speak out' whether to another participant, member of staff or to a friend if they are ever uncomfortable when being physically contacted by a member of the Fundamentally Dance Team, workers they have engaged with or another participant where contact improvisation sessions or pas de deux/partner/group work is taking place. Participants are also made aware of the processes to raise a concern with one of the Fundamentally Dance team at the beginning of every course or engagement.

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