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Dear parents, carers and students

I am so pleased to announce that, following our final confirmation of venues yesterday, we will be back from **7 September 2020** with an almost full timetable of classes at both Robin Hood's Bay and Lythe. There are some changes to the class times so please check the attached timetables carefully.

The only class that will remain online for the foreseeable future is Barre Fit as Fylingdales Village Hall is unable to open the Committee Room at present.

I have had to make adjustments to some classes to allow for cleaning time between bubbles of students, etc, but have taken into account the number of students in each class and the complexity of the grade for this. Even though there has been some increase in hall and cleaning costs, by reducing the length of classes I have been able to keep the costs the same. This will continue to be monitored and adjustments made over time if necessary.

Before term begins there are some important things to note to ensure we remain safe during this time:

General

- Class capacities and placements have been designed to be socially distant, if students maintain this distance during class then there will be no need for the entire class to self-isolate in the event that one member tests positive for the virus
- Please can invoices be paid by bank transfer where possible – if you need to pay by cash or cheque then please put the correct money or cheque in a sealed envelope with the student's name on the front and send into class
- If you need to discuss anything with me, please call or email me outside of class times to reduce face to face contact and ensure cleaning can be performed fully between classes
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Before Class

- If a student or any member of the household is showing any symptoms of coronavirus please do not attend class
- On arrival, please wait in the main carpark and students will be called in to the hall for the start of the class
 - Do not enter the hall until you are called, the door will be locked
- Please ensure you are there on time to drop off your student as I have very limited time for class changeovers and cleaning
 - If you are late for class please call me on 07968273468 so I can meet the student at the door

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Entering Class

- Students are to enter class alone, maintaining social distance from those outside their family
 - Students in Diddy Dance can be walked to the door by a parent but please maintain social distancing
- Students will be asked if they are well as they enter
 - Parents of younger students will be asked on their behalf
- Hand sanitiser will be provided on entering and exiting classes, all students must use this
- There will be no changing facilities available, so please come prepared for class
 - Leggings / shorts and a school t-shirt are fine for those children attending straight from school
 - Please do not wear dance shoes to walk outdoors, shoes can be changed in the hall
- There will only be 1 toilet available (accessible toilet) for students to use
 - Students need to be able to use the toilet and wash their hands independently

During Class

- Students must wear shoes for all classes – no bare feet
 - Diddy Dance and ballet students must wear ballet shoes
 - Tap students must wear tap shoes
 - Contemporary students can wear ballet shoes or jazz shoes
- Students will be allocated a marked-out space in the studio and will remain in that space throughout class
 - Anything they bring with them will be left in their allocated space so please keep this to the minimum
 - For those attending more than one class please bring a drink in a labelled, sealable container
- Any student displaying symptoms of coronavirus will be moved to a separate area and parents will be asked to pick them up immediately
 - If your child is only attending 1 class then please stay in the vicinity to ensure you are available should this be required
- Class bubbles have been created, where possible, to consider students and siblings attending multiple classes
 - If students have a gap between classes they will be allocated a space in the studio to wait and have been counted in the studio capacity for the duration they are there
- At present there will be no props or barres used for classes
 - I hope to review this as we get more familiar with the new conditions

Leaving Class

- Please ensure you are there on time to collect your student as I have very limited time for class changeovers and cleaning
 - If you know you are going to be late to collect your student please call me on 07968273468 as soon as possible so I can ensure the student is safe
- If you drop your student off but they are to walk home on their own please let me know for safeguarding

For more information on what I am doing to ensure student safety please read the full risk assessment for each venue on the website: <https://www.meshballet.co.uk/files>

Please also find the student disclaimer attached. This will need to be completed and returned before any student can attend classes. You can email this back with your consent or return a

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signed copy to me at or before the first class. Students will not be able to attend class until this form is returned.

I know this is a lot of information to take in and there may be a few little creases to iron out as we begin to get used to this new way of delivering and taking classes. However, with the Creative Workshop as a trial last week, everything seemed to work well so I am optimistic that it will all feel comfortable before long and we can continue Achieving our best together!

If you have any questions then please do get in touch.

I look forward to seeing you all back in class.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Su Crossland', written in a cursive style.

Su Crossland
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