



DRESS REHEARSAL (SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER) AND SHOW (SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER) IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The show is just around the corner! Thank you for your commitment so far. Below is a schedule for the show weekend and check list for what children need.

Saturday 6th December

12.00pm Dancers to arrive and Sign in

12.30pm Dress rehearsal to begin, we will start with the finale which includes everyone, we will then begin with our younger students and work upwards. When your child has danced you will be able to take them home.

At the dress rehearsal (Saturday 6th December):

- Please see attached map for parking information and entry. Following the green line.
- Please sign your child in and out.
- Please come ready to dance, hair already in a ballet bun that is in line with the cheekbones/top of the ear on the back of the head. There are head pieces for the children to wear. No hairspray or aerosols are to be used in the dressing rooms as it will set off the fire alarm.
- The photographer and videographer will be in attendance at our dress rehearsal so presentation is of the utmost importance.
- Each group will have a costume sheet with a photo and description of their costume.

Backstage:

- No food is permitted back stage and only water may be consumed around the costumes. Please have an early lunch/big breakfast to keep you going)

- Avoid bringing any valuables as the school will not be liable for any loss of personal items.
- We ask parents to encourage children to remain calm and seated (not on the floor) whilst waiting to be called to side stage. This ensures the children's safety and also prevents any damage to the costumes. In the past children have brought along a book to read, however please do not send your child along with a colouring book and pens as this could mark the costumes.
- We understand it is a very exciting time and that parents will want to take pictures of their children in their costumes, however we do ask that you refrain from putting these on social media until after the performance to avoid spoiling the surprise for the audience. Please only take photos of your child.

Check list for the dress rehearsal and performance:

- Clean ballet shoes (from the dance school shop)
- Clean ballet tights for everyone (£5 from the dance school)
- Nude pants
- All Modern dancers will need to have their black jazz shoes (from Dance school shop).
- Spare bun pins, kirby grips and hair net (ensure hair is neatly in a bun before arriving at the theatre) Also available from the dance school shop
- Water only, NO food
- Remove all tattoos and nail varnish
- Remove all jewellery including stud earrings and leave at home

On the day of the performance Sunday 7th December:

- On the day of the performance children are required to arrive 30 minutes before the show.
- Please sign in your child and ensure they go to the toilet before helping them in to their costume.
- The show will last approximately one hour with no interval.
- **A reminder that any personal recording of the show is strictly prohibited, anyone found doing so will be asked to delete the footage and leave the theatre. This is due to child protection much like if it were your child's plays or performances at school.**

We will not have uniform to buy at the dress rehearsal or on the day of the show. Please purchase any items beforehand.

Tickets:

Tickets for our performers families and friends will go on sale on Sunday 16th November at 6.00pm, you will all be sent a link to access these in advance. We will extend the ticket sales to other students and friends of the dance school the following week. Our last show sold over 50% of tickets within the hour with both shows selling out completely in less than a week.

We can accommodate wheel chairs and have appropriate access. A reminder that our Sunday afternoon performance is being filmed, we ask that young children do not attend in the afternoon to avoid disruption to the recording.

Please get in touch if you are able to assist backstage with your child's group when you are not watching the show yourself. Parents who have offered to help back stage are asked to attend the dress rehearsal so know what will happen on the day (one female parent/guardian per child at the dress rehearsal and no siblings). Our students have requested that our changing rooms remain female only spaces. Therefore we request any parent or adult helping backstage is female. Thank you for your cooperation with this. If you have any questions please get in touch.

Many thanks,

Stephanie.

