

SCANE DANCE CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING POLICY



Scane Dance is committed to ensuring our dance school provides a safe environment for all our students. It is therefore the duty and responsibility of Scane Dance to provide an up to date document of child protection policies for parents/ guardians' and students that wish to enrol for classes. Our policy is in place to ensure that every student feels they are in a safe environment and applies to all members of Scane Dance including teachers, volunteers, students or anyone working on behalf of the dance school.

We recognise that:

- the welfare of the student is paramount.
- all students, regardless of age, disability, gender, racial heritage, religious belief, sexual orientation or identity, have the right to equal protection from all types of harm or abuse.
- working in partnership with students, their parents/ carers and other agencies (if applicable) is essential in promoting the student's welfare.

Purpose and Function of Scane Dance

The aim of Scane Dance is to introduce our students to the world of dance, where they will learn and develop within their chosen genre of dance. Classes focus on developing technical skills, physical coordination, strength and flexibility, in response to music.

Classes are taught within a clear framework under the supervision of highly trained and appropriately qualified teachers. Classes are structured and well-disciplined, in a fun and friendly environment, with the aim of giving every student the opportunity to fulfil to their full potential.

School Environment

- Scane Dance provides an environment in which students are safe, can learn and develop at their own pace and are aware that there are always adults in whom they can trust.
- All students will be treated equally and with respect and dignity and the welfare of each child will always be put first.
- Teachers will be understanding of religious beliefs.
- Enthusiastic and constructive feedback will be given rather than negative criticism in all classes.
- Bullying will not be accepted or condoned and all teachers /volunteers provide a positive role model for dealing with other people.
- Action will be taken to stop any inappropriate verbal or physical behaviour.
- A register of every child involved with the dance school is retained at all classes alongside a contact name and emergency telephone number in case of emergencies.
- No students will be photographed without consent from a parent/ guardian.
- The correct insurance policies are in place for all teachers working at Scane Dance.
- There will be no misleading advertising.
- There will be no form of discrimination between students/ teachers.
- We take no responsibility for the supervision of unaccompanied students outside of class times.

Venue

All classes run from our studio at 63A High Street, Biddulph, Stoke-on-Trent, ST8 6AD.

- Upon collection at the end of classes, students will only be dismissed to an appropriate and known adult. If these collection arrangements change, the class teacher must be notified prior to the lesson.
- Parental permission must be given for students to leave the premises on their own after class without a parent/ guardian.
- At no point should the building front door be left open. It is imperative that we are aware of who is accessing the building at all times.
- Visual and physical assessments will be done of the building and studio by the dance teacher upon arrival to ensure there are no hazards to anyone entering the premises.
- The Studio will be regularly cleaned to ensure a healthy environment.
- Emergency First Aid Kits are available for use and are kept in the studio at all times.

Running Safe Classes

- A safe and thorough warm up will be conducted at the beginning of each class. As well as a cool down at the end of the class.
- Each class will be tailored to the capability of the individuals and no student will be asked to perform something they are not yet capable of.
- Arrangements are in place to ensure that the physical risks associated with the activities undertaken by students at Scane Dance are identified and managed.
- In order for dance technique to be taught safely and correctly, there will at times be the need for physical contact to be made to ensure the correct teaching of a specific step or technique. Permission will always be asked first by the teacher before physically correcting a student. An example of this would be to correct postural alignment which relates to safe practice.

Application of Policy

- This policy relates to students under the age of 18 years and members of vulnerable individuals of any age whose needs are identified to Scane Dance. This should be done by contacting the address or telephone number of the school. The school actively seeks to meet the needs notified by parents/guardians, but must know beforehand in order to prepare support – or to let you know we are unable to help.
- Parents/ guardians can advise their child that all teachers at Scane Dance can be approached privately and discreetly.
- Any concerns/conversations will be taken seriously and will be documented and dated at the time of disclosure. Any disclosures will be shared with an appropriate third party

Contact

Please do not hesitate to ask any questions or concerns you may have in regards to this policy.

Principal Teacher, Grace Scane on **07906 230607** or email **scanedance@gmail.com**

Policy Review

Scane Dance will constantly review their policy, revising and enhancing it as necessary. In doing this, they will look to the BBO and IDTA for support and that body, in turn, will look to other agencies for evidence of good practice, most notably the Arts Council of England and NSPCC policy guidelines.

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