

Street Dance Class - Important Information

Welcome to “The Dance Spot” Street Dance class! We’re excited to have you join us. Before you sign up, we want to make sure you understand a few important points:

1. **Parental Consent:** By signing up for this class, parents or guardians give their consent for the instructors or staff of “The Dance Spot” to interact physically with their child in the context of teaching and ensuring the safety of dance movements. This consent is given to “The Dance Spot”, however we will of course ask each student in class, this is to have good practices in place and ensure the students feel safe.
2. **Instructor-Student Interaction:** During the class, there may be times when an instructor needs to adjust a student’s position. This will initially be done verbally or by demonstrating on the instructor themselves. If the student is unable to adjust correctly, the instructor will ask “Can I touch you?” If the student agrees, the instructor will adjust the necessary parts of the student’s body to the correct position. The nature of the touch will reflect the move being taught. The request for general interaction will only be made once and will last for the length of the class they have signed up for.
3. **Safety Measures:** In the case of performing “tricks”, the nature of touch may differ in force. This could be to support, assist, or restrict the student. Restriction will only be used if the student’s safety is deemed to be at risk. All efforts will be in place to ensure that the student’s safety comes first. If the choice is to prevent injury, we will use whatever touch necessary to minimise injury.
4. **Revoking Permission:** A student can rescind permission at any point by stating that they no longer wish to be touched. In this case, should they have longer than 10 minutes in the class they will be asked once more if required. If they decline, they will not have any physical contact with the instructor.
5. **Signs of Discomfort:** If the student has given permission but the instructor sees signs of discomfort, they will ask for reaffirmation of permission. This will only occur once, if they continue to show discomfort after a second confirmation the instructor will stop the contact being made and assume permission rescinded. This will then be discussed with the parent or guardian.
6. **Locations of Touch:** Instructors will avoid touching all students without express permission between the mid-thigh and hip and in the case of females or those that identify as female, the chest area. If the instructor requires to touch the student in any of these areas, they will specify “Can I touch you on the...” and visually represent this area on themselves. In the case of specific area of touch, this will last for the duration of the time the trick is being taught. In the event it is being taught for the entire class, permission will end when the class is concluded.
7. **Concerns and Issues:** If you have any concerns or issues related to the class, instructor, or any other aspect, please feel free to highlight them by sending an email to safeguarding@thedancespot.uk

By signing up for this class, you acknowledge that you have read and understood these points. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.