



CHILD SAFEGUARDING

FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS (SEN)

POLICY

Dance4u
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INTRODUCTION

Dance4u is committed to providing a safe and inclusive environment for all children, including those with Special Educational Needs (SEN). We recognise the importance of promoting the welfare and safeguarding of children with SEN, and we are dedicated to ensuring their well-being, development, and participation in dance activities while addressing their specific needs and requirements.

Aim:

This policy aims to outline Dance4u's commitment to safeguarding children with SEN, ensuring their protection, inclusion, and support within our dance programs and activities.

OBJECTIVES

Inclusivity:

Dance4u will strive to create an inclusive atmosphere where children with SEN feel welcome, valued, and respected, enabling them to participate fully in dance activities alongside their peers.

Awareness and Training:

All Dance4u staff, including instructors, volunteers, and administrative personnel, will undergo regular training and awareness programs on safeguarding children with SEN. This will ensure that they are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to support and protect children with diverse needs.

Communication:

Dance4u will establish effective communication channels with parents or guardians of children with SEN to understand and address their specific needs, concerns, and preferences. Clear and open lines of communication will be maintained to ensure that all parties are well-informed and engaged.

Risk Assessment:

Dance4u will conduct thorough risk assessments for dance activities to identify and mitigate potential risks for children with SEN. These assessments will consider the physical, emotional, and sensory needs of each child, and appropriate measures will be implemented to ensure their safety and well-being.

Adapted Programming:

Dance4u will provide dance programs that are flexible and adaptable to accommodate the diverse needs of children with SEN. Modifications to routines, equipment, and teaching methods will be made to ensure that every child can participate and enjoy the experience.

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Supportive Environment:

Dance4u will establish a supportive environment where children with SEN can express themselves, build confidence, and develop their dance skills. Instructors will provide positive reinforcement, encouragement, and individualised guidance to enhance each child's experience.

Reporting and Responding:

Dance4u will have clear procedures in place for reporting and responding to any safeguarding concerns or incidents involving children with SEN. All staff members will be familiar with these procedures and will follow them rigorously, ensuring that appropriate actions are taken promptly.

Collaboration:

Dance4u will collaborate with external agencies, local authorities, and experts in the field of SEN to enhance our knowledge, resources, and support networks for children with diverse needs.

PREVENTIVE MEASURE

3.1 Screening and Selection

Instructors, staff members, and volunteers will undergo rigorous background checks and screening before engaging with children to ensure their suitability and trustworthiness.

3.2 Code of Conduct

A clear and comprehensive code of conduct will be established for all personnel working with children, outlining appropriate behaviour, interactions, and boundaries.

3.3 Supervision and Ratios

Adequate supervision and appropriate adult-to-child ratios will be maintained during all activities to ensure the safety and well-being of participants.

3.4 Physical Safety

Dance4u will implement safety measures, including proper dance studio equipment, facility maintenance, and emergency protocols to ensure a secure physical environment.

3.5 Online Safety

Guidelines for safe online interactions, protection from cyberbullying, and responsible internet use will be communicated to both students and instructors to promote online safety.

REPORTING & RESPONDING

4.1 Reporting Mechanisms

All members of the Dance4u community are obligated to promptly report any concerns or suspicions of child abuse or neglect to designated Safeguarding Officers.

4.2 Internal Response

Dance4u will promptly and impartially address reported concerns, following established investigation procedures, and ensuring the safety and well-being of the child involved.

4.3 External Collaboration

In cases of suspected abuse or neglect, Dance4u will collaborate with appropriate external authorities, such as child protective services or law enforcement, as required by law.

4.4 Support and Follow-Up

Dance4u will provide support to the child and their family during the investigative process, ensuring access to counselling and appropriate care.

4.5 Reporting Form

Please see on following page

Safeguarding reporting form

This form should be used to record safeguarding concerns relating to Children and/or Vulnerable persons.

In an emergency please do not delay in informing the police or social services. All the information must be treated as confidential and reported to the Designated Safeguarding Officer within one working day or the next working day if it's a weekend.

The form should be completed at the time or immediately following disclosure, but after all necessary emergency actions have been taken. Please complete the form as fully as possible.

1 Your details – the person completing the form

Name	<input type="text"/>		
Position	<input type="text"/>		
Telephone	<input type="text"/>	Email	<input type="text"/>

2 Details of the person affected

Name	<input type="text"/>		
Address	<input type="text"/>		
Telephone	<input type="text"/>	Email	<input type="text"/>

3 Details of the incident (please describe in detail using only the facts)

4 Other present or potential witnesses

Name			
	Address		
	Telephone number		
		Email	

5 Additional relevant information (please detail anything else that you believe to be helpful or important)

I have completed this form and provided information that is factual and does not contain my own views or opinions on the matter.

Print name

Signature

Date

MONITORING & REVIEW

Review Process

This policy will undergo regular reviews to assess its effectiveness and relevance in safeguarding children. Feedback from students, parents, instructors, staff, and external stakeholders will inform updates and improvements.

Feedback and Improvement

Dance4u welcomes feedback from all stakeholders to continuously improve and enhance our child safeguarding efforts, promoting a safe and secure environment for children within our education settings.

CONTACT INFORMATION

For inquiries, reporting concerns, or seeking further information regarding our Safeguarding and Inclusion Policy, please contact the appropriate individuals or departments:

Reporting Concerns:

·If you have an immediate safeguarding or inclusion concern, please reach out to our designated Safeguarding Officer:

Name: Emily Ballard

Email: emilydance4u@gmail.com

Phone: 07788969193/ 0404630425

General Inquiries:

For general inquiries or information related to Dance4u's Safeguarding and Inclusion Policy, please contact:

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Feedback and Suggestions:

We value your feedback and suggestions to continually improve our safeguarding and inclusion efforts. Please share your thoughts with us through:

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