**Coronavirus Policy**

***\* Following the updated guidance some of the below may have slightly changed***

AGSOD will be following the government guidance

for all after-school clubs, holiday clubs, tuition, community activities and other out-of-

school settings for children and young people over the age of 5 during the

coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.

AGSOD provide enriching activities that give children the opportunity to

socialise with others outside their household and promote their wellbeing. We also

recognise the importance of these settings in providing additional childcare options

to parents and carers, particularly those with younger children, who may need to

return to or continue to work.

Scientific advice suggests that there is a moderate to high degree of confidence that the susceptibility to clinical disease of younger children (up to age 11 to 13) is lower

than for adults. However, it remains important that protective measures are put in

place to help reduce the risk of transmission.

AGSOD care for the wellbeing of all our dance families and local

community. Therefore, we will follow the guidance which assists schools and other

educational settings in providing advice for pupils, students, staff, and

parents/carers.

To ensure we are continuing to do our best to maintain the wellbeing of our staff and

dance families we have updated our policies to ensure the safeguarding of our

community.

**Protective measures set in place:**

● minimising contact with individuals who are unwell by ensuring those who have

coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms do not attend their class/activity. This also

applies if a member of their family has symptoms or if they have been advised by NHS Test & Trace as ‘a close contact’ to isolate at home

● encouraging staff and children attending to clean their hands more often than

usual, including before and after activities and before and after using

toilet/washroom facilities

● staff will check that touched objects and surfaces within the dance studios are

cleaned and disinfected frequently

● ensuring good respiratory hygiene by promoting the ‘catch it, bin it, kill it’

● cleaning frequently touched surfaces more often than usual

using standard products, such as detergent or bleach

● increased frequency of cleaning of toilets and washrooms

● ensuring that rooms are well-ventilated, either by a ventilation unit or naturally (for

example, open windows and external doors)

● soap and hand sanitiser will be available for staff, children and parents or carers

to clean their hands

● key areas will also have posters promoting frequent handwashing

● cleaning checklists will be implemented in toilets and will be visible and completed

regularly

● where possible, children attending the classes/activities will be in small, consistent

groups of no more than 15 children and one or two staff members

● social distancing will be promoted using through physical markers

● minimising contact and mixing between groups of children by altering the

environment to allow for social distancing between children and keeping children

in small consistent groups.

● limit any activities where pupil to pupil and staff to pupil may have to hold hands

● appoint a staff member for each class/activity who will be responsible for first aid

● ensure that all staff have had the relevant training to deal with first aid and child

protection and safeguarding issues

● complaints process is in place

**Parents/Carers Instructions:**

● there is a limit of one parent attending the class/activity to drop off a child

● all children are to be dropped off and picked up at the designated entrance and

exit doors allowing a one-way system

● all children to be dressed and ready for class and has a full water bottle with them

that is clearly labelled

● allocated drop off and collection times which must be adhered to

● all parents/carers will be required to complete a parental consent form, which asks

for medical information and emergency contact details, this is required before the

child attends for the first time

● to minimising adult to adult contact please take not of the physical distancing

markers

**What to do if your child is displaying coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms?**

If your child becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or

a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal

sense of taste of smell (anosmia), they must stay at home and you should follow

the COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus (COVID-19)

infection guidance.

If your child becomes unwell whilst at a class/activity, the teacher will call the

parent/carer immediately on the emergency contact number provided on the self-

screening checklist to come and collect them.

While your child is awaiting collection, they will be kept separately from others by a

distance of at least 2 metres, ideally in a well-ventilated room with appropriate adult

supervision. When you collect your child, you should take them straight home; do not

visit the GP, pharmacy, urgent care centre or a hospital. In an emergency, call 999 if

they are seriously ill or injured or their life is at risk.

Your child should then self-isolate for 7 days and you should arrange a test for them

as soon as possible to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). You can do this by

visiting NHS.UK or contact NHS 119 via telephone if you do not have internet

access. You and other fellow household members should self-isolate for 14 days.

If your child tests negative, they can return to class/activities and the fellow

household members can end their self-isolation subject to confirmation from local

health protection professionals.

If your child tests negative but is unwell, they should not return to any class/activity

until they are recovered.

If your child tests positive, NHS Test and Trace will speak directly to those that have

been in contact with your child to offer advice. This advice may be that the rest of

their class or group within the setting should be sent home and advised to self-

isolate for 14 days. Household members should always self-isolate at home.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation and we really appreciate your