

Preventative Measures in curbing the spread of Coronavirus at DSP Performing

We, at DSP Performing, take the prevention of the spread of Coronavirus very seriously. We recognize that Performing Arts' activities require significant physical exertion resulting in a greater expulsion of air and as such that the everyday advice to limit the spread of the novo virus may not be stringent enough for Performing Arts' Classes.

The following measures are based on the UK Government Guidance:

“Protective measures for holiday and after-school clubs, and other out-of-school settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak” (Updated 20 August 2020); and

“Working safely during coronavirus (COVID-19): Performing Arts” (Updated 13th August 2020)

as well as the general Government advice.

**The following measures are subject to change without notification
as Government Guidelines are updated.**

Responsibilities undertaken by DSP Performing

1. In the event of a local outbreak of Coronavirus or a significant national spike in cases, DSP Performing reserves the right to cease classes in a physical space and resume provision via an online platform e.g. Zoom
2. Similarly, if Wanstead High School ask us to take a break from teaching in their premises due to Coronavirus, classes will resume online.
3. In order to more effectively ensure social distancing of 3 metres in physical classrooms and teaching spaces, we have reorganized our classes from 5 groups to 6 groups of equal numbers. This produces smaller classes of no more than 10 students in order to minimize the risk of Coronavirus.
4. Parents will be informed the same day, if there is a suspicion that our students have been exposed to Covid-19
5. Wanstead High School will be informed immediately if there is a suspicion that any of our students or staff may have Covid-19 symptoms.
6. We will no longer provide paper copies of scripts, lyrics or any general instructions or directions to your child. Any such resources will be made available electronically through our Student Resources Folder on Dropbox.
7. We will make time during classes for students to wash hands. The timing of this will be staggered to avoid any congestion that may compromise social distancing.
8. Although we will follow similar timetables as in previous years, it may be necessary to cut short some classes in order to facilitate movement in the corridors without creating congestion.
9. In the case of several staff self-isolating, we reserve the right to send home any class or classes where adequate teacher cover cannot be put into place.

All students are required to:

1. On arriving in the morning, ensure you are already wearing your face covering and line up by the entrance maintaining a social distance of at least 1 metre. On entering the building, go straight to your first classroom.
2. Follow the one way system around the Performing Arts Suite at Wanstead High School at all times.
3. Wear a face covering at all times except when taking refreshments.
4. Maintain a social distance of at least 3 metres from any other person in each of your classes
5. Wash hands or use hand gel disinfectant regularly throughout the session
6. Take your break in the last room in which you were taught and only leave the room with the teacher's permission in order to use the toilets,
7. At the end of the final session, wait for your teacher to give you permission to leave building. Go directly outside, following the one way system, maintaining a social distance of at least 1 metre.

Students must not:

1. Attend DSP if they have any symptoms pertaining to Covid-19 i.e. coughing/sneezing; temperature; difficulty breathing and/or loss of taste or smell
2. Leave the classroom / teaching space without the permission of the teacher
3. Mingle with students from other classes
4. Share items of equipment including drinks and food at break time

All teachers and staff are required to:

1. Wear a face mask at all times and regularly wash hands and/or use hand gel disinfectant
2. Ensure all students maintain a social distance of at least 3 metres (except for arrival and dismissal and moving from one classroom to another where a minimum of 1 metre may be permissible); and wear a face covering at all times
3. Follow the one way system around the Performing Arts Suite at Wanstead High School and direct students to do the same
4. Use disinfectant wipes between each change of class to clean surfaces, door handles and light switches or any other items that students may have come into contact with.
5. Ensure there is adequate ventilation in the classroom or teaching space you are using.
6. At change of classes, wait for the Centre Manager to indicate when your class may move to the next room in order to prevent congestion in the corridors.
7. During the breaktime, remain with your class to supervise them and monitor numbers going to the toilet.

8. Ensure that lesson content permits social distancing of 3 metres and the wearing of facemasks at all times. This includes all disciplines : Acting, Dance and Singing classes.
9. Report to the Centre Manager any child who is suspected of having Covid-19 symptoms.
10. Not to attend DSP Performing if they suspect they have Covid-19 symptoms. In this instance normal cover arrangements should be put into place.

Additional Duties of the Centre Manager

1. Monitor the arrival and dismissal of students, checking that
 - a. all students are wearing protective coverings
 - b. maintaining a social distance of at least 1 metre
 - c. use the hand gel disinfectant on entering the building
2. Monitor the corridors throughout the session, ensuring all students remain in classes except to use the toilet
3. Return any students to class in order to reduce congestion in the corridor and toilets
4. Regularly check the toilets for cleanliness
5. Alert the caretaker if there are any issues that might compromise the safety of students e.g. inadequate ventilation
6. On the change of lessons, contact each teacher via mobile phone signalling them to dismiss their class. This is to prevent congestion in the corridors. This may mean some classes will be early finishing or late starting.
7. Ensure students follow the one way system in the Performing Arts Suite.
8. If a child is suspected of having Covid-19 symptoms, he/she will be collected from the classroom by the Centre Manager and taken to an area in order to isolate him/her. The parent will be contacted and expected to collect their child immediately. All parents will be informed by the end of the day that this measure has been taken.

Parental Responsibilities

1. You should ensure that your child has thoroughly washed their hands before attending DSP on Saturday mornings.
2. You must not enter Wanstead High School's building. If you need to speak to the Centre Manager, please email during the during week, centre.manager@dsp-performing.org or if urgent call on 07938 452 520
3. Remind your child of the need to act responsibly at all times and never to compromise the safety of another student or member of staff.
4. Check the Student Resources Newsletter to see if there are any resources you need to download for your child in time for the Saturday morning session.
5. Inform DSP Performing immediately, if your child has developed Covid-19 symptoms or has tested positive for Covid-19