

Mid Wales Dance Academy

GUIDE FOR NEW PARENTS

Welcome to Mid Wales Dance Academy. We hope you and your child will enjoy being a part of our dance school. We have put together this guide to help you with the information you need when you join.

If your child is joining the Saturday classes, we are happy for you to stay with them for the first session to help settle them in and to see how the class is run. Once they are settled, however, we would prefer you to leave them with us, as children are distracted by parents being in the room and often do not concentrate fully on the class. We hold "parents watching" classes during the year so that you can come and see what your child is achieving.

The school uses the uniform of the Royal Academy of Dance and for Saturday classes we sell everything your child will need on Saturday mornings. The uniform is also available through our online dance store (link below). For weekday classes and boys uniform please use the link below to order the correct uniform online. We prefer to have a uniform so that every child feels the same in class, and we also use the uniform as a base for costume for our annual show. Also, when the children are older, they will need the right uniform when taking examinations. We prefer socks for Saturday classes rather than tights as it is easier for children if they have to go to the toilet. Please do not send your child in a net tutu skirt - these are not appropriate for our classes.

However, please do not feel you have to buy all the uniform straight away. We are happy for you to feel your child has settled into the class first before you buy, and t shirt, leggings, and bare feet/socks are acceptable for the first few sessions.

Please note that ballet shoes are one size larger than outdoor shoe size.

<https://mwd.mydancestore.co.uk/>

When you arrive at the theatre, please make sure you register your child's attendance each week. This is a safety regulation so that we know who is in the studio in case of evacuation. Also please be aware that the theatre is a public building, and children should not be changing clothes in the foyer. Please use the theatre toilets if necessary. Parents are responsible for their children in the foyer until they are taken into class.

Please take a moment to read through our Child Protection policy and Terms and Conditions as by signing the registration form you are agreeing to their terms. Our Safeguarding policy is available on Mid Wales Dance Academy website along with all our policies.

If your child is going to be absent for more than one week, we would be grateful if you could let us know. In the event that a child is absent for three weeks in a row, unless we hear from you, we will assume that you no longer want the place and will offer it to someone on the waiting list for the next half term. Fees are still payable for that half term.

Fees are payable half termly in advance, and you will be billed before the start of each half term. Payment can be made by cash, bank transfer or card. We no longer accept cheques.

We have a closed Facebook group – Ribbons Ballet School/Mid Wales Dance Academy – where we post regular updates and items of interest. Please send us a request if you would like to join.

We hope you will enjoy being part of our school. If at any time you have any queries or concerns, please contact the principal, Lesley Walker, who will do her best to help.