

# RIBBONS/MID WALES DANCE ACADEMY

## CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

The safety of children and vulnerable adults is paramount, and all, without exception, have the right to protection from abuse. All suspicions and allegations of abuse will be taken seriously and responded to swiftly and appropriately and all staff and volunteers at the school have a responsibility to report concerns.

1. PURPOSE AND FUNCTION OF ORGANISATION – to provide dance classes and training to children, young people and adults.
2. THE SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT – School staff and volunteers will use their best endeavours in co-operation with parents and other responsible adults to ensure a safe and secure environment at all times.
3. THOSE TO WHOM THIS POLICY APPLIES – this policy applies to all children under 18 years and those vulnerable adults of any age who have been identified by the school principals.
4. SCHOOL PERSONNEL – all teachers and guest teachers are selected as being suitably qualified to teach dance to children and young people.
5. PREPARATION FOR ATTENDANCE AT THE SCHOOL – A copy of this policy is displayed on our notice board. Parents/guardians/carers must ensure that young people under the age of 18 and vulnerable adults are accompanied and supervised at all times when not in dance class or rehearsal.
6. CHANGING AND RECEPTION AREA – changing, toilets and reception areas are unsupervised and parents/guardians/carers should be mindful of their responsibilities under point 5 above.
7. PHOTOGRAPHS, VIDEO RECORDINGS AND PRESS PHOTOGRAPHY

From time to time photographs or video recordings may be made by school staff or appointed professionals for use in archive or as material used in promotion of the school. If any parent/guardian/carer objects to their child appearing in such material it is their responsibility to ensure that their child is not included in the photograph or video.

8. LEGISLATION AND GUIDANCE THAT SUPPORTS THIS POLICY – The Children Act 1989; The Police Act 1997; The Protection of Children Act 1999; The Criminal Justice and Court Services Act 2000; Childrens Act 2004

Any concerns or matters relating to Child Protection issues should be addressed to the School principal in writing to 74 Beacons Park, Brecon, Powys, LD3 9BQ marked confidential

Lesley Walker

Principal