



# VERVE STUDENT SAFETY



Student safety is of the highest importance at Verve Academy of Performing Arts. Child protection and the safeguarding of our students is a top priority.

Principals, teachers and assistants are all required to apply for clearance via the DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service, formerly Criminal Records Bureau or CRB).

All necessary fire safety, risk assessments, insurance and first aid protocols are established within our Academy.



## How we are keeping our students safe during the COVID-19 Pandemic:

Please do not send a student to Verve Academy of Performing Arts if they are feeling unwell and/or a family member or someone in your household are displaying COVID-19 symptoms.

### Arrival

- All students/parents/carers are kindly asked to maintain social distancing when arriving at our venue. Please observe guidance such as floor markers, signage etc.
- All parents/carers are required to drop their child off at their allocated drop-off point.
- All students must enter the venue through their allocated drop-off point only.
- No parents/carers are permitted to enter the building (unless in an emergency).
- The venue's one-way system must be adhered to at all times.
- Registration will be taken in each group's classroom to maintain social distancing.
- Classes will start promptly. Anyone arriving late must call the Verve mobile number (07792 099956). A member of staff will then come outside to meet you.

### In Class

- To minimise risk, students will stay in their allocated class 'bubbles' during their time at Verve.
- Class sizes have been amended to allow for social distancing.
- Junior Academy and Main Academy classes will be operating in entirely separate buildings on site.
- Frequent hand washing / hand sanitisation will be undertaken by all upon entry, between disciplines, before and after break times, after toilet visits, and upon exit.
- Hand sanitisers will be in each classroom and the main entrance and exit points (where applicable).
- Signage regarding hand washing / sanitising will be displayed around the venue.
- Students are required to bring ONLY essential possessions to Verve (such as water, lunch or a snack for break and any medical needs, i.e. EpiPen). Where possible, please DO NOT bring mobile phones to Verve.
- For the time being, non-essential items (such as props and costumes) will not be used.

### Social Distancing

- We will be observing the latest social distancing government guidelines.
- Rooms will be of the required size and markings will be made to assist students.
- For Junior Academy students, we will endeavour to deliver classes which encourage them to keep their distance.
- Our toilet policy has been modified to incorporate social distancing.

## ➔ Departures

- Students are to be collected from their allocated pick-up point. Please note, departure times may need to be staggered to ensure social distancing is maintained.
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There may be additional safety measures in place at Verve, which the Principals will make you aware of.

In the event of a local or national lockdown, Verve Academy will endeavour to provide substitute lessons/tutorials via Zoom.

Please note, as government guidelines and policies change, we will be updating safety measures accordingly.

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### **Verve Academy of Performing Arts 2020**

