

## 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 kindergarten 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 we sell everything your child will need on Saturday mornings. The uniform is also available at Little Poppets clothes shop in the Struet, Brecon. 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. 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.

When you arrive at the theatre, please make sure you register your child's attendance each week at the desk. 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 toilets or corridor by the studio.

Attached to the registration form is our Child Protection Policy. Please take a moment to read this through as by signing it you are agreeing to its terms and conditions.

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.

Fees are payable half termly in advance, and you will be billed on the first Saturday of each half term. Payment can be made by cash, cheque or bank transfer, but we do not have the facilities to take card payments.

We have a Facebook group - Ribbons Ballet School/Mid Wales Dance Academy where we post regular updates and items of interest, which you are welcome 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 you.