

Safe Touch Policy

1.1 Dance is a physical activity and there may be occasions when it may be entirely appropriate for staff to have physical contact with students, or students to have physical contact with their peers, e.g., partner work. Such contact should only take place, however, in a manner which is appropriate and professional.

1.2 Physical instruction which involves safe touch is sometimes key to aid effective teaching and learning in certain areas of training, i.e., awareness of correct muscle usage, correct posture, correct line and breathing techniques.

1.3 We recognise that such physical contact is a potentially complex area and we also fully recognise our responsibilities for safeguarding students and teachers and for protecting their welfare.

Safe Touch Principles

1.1 Teachers must make students aware of the need to assist and explain what will be required beforehand.

1.2. Teachers should always ask for permission to move a students body if appropriate. There may be sometimes, if an accident was to occur, for example, when due to urgency this is not appropriate.

1.3. All teachers will treat any physical contact with due sensitivity and care and with due regard for the wishes of the student. 3. Contact will not involve force or the use of any instrument.

1.4. Teachers will be mindful of location and avoid situations where they are isolated with a student.

1.5. Students should be encouraged to discuss any worries with any member of staff.

1.6 Both students and teachers should feel free to report any concerns to Stephanie Goodall.

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Signed by Stephanie Goodall
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