

Settling in

For the first couple of sessions, we will be getting the group acquainted and used to the format of the class. There are no other classes running before or after Wings and Wands which makes it easier for you to settle your child.

Class Money

If possible, please pay your 'pay as you dance' fees as you arrive before the start of the class. Just a reminder that you won't need to pay anything for the weeks that you don't attend.

Bookings

Each child in the session should have made a booking via our website, this secures your place in the session and covers part of your overall fees for the term. If you are trying a session before committing to the full term, you will need to do this before coming along to your second session. Please note that you will need to book on line again in January for the Spring Term, and finally in April for the Summer Term.

The Class

The very first stages of learning are so important, children need to enjoy their class in a relaxed and friendly environment that enables them to grow in both confidence and ability. Their sessions at The Studio will make their first dancing steps both memorable and fun. We will explore music, expression and rhythm while introducing the foundation skills which we hope will enthuse them to continue an interest in dance and theatre as they get older. Once your child starts school they will then progress into Introduction Level Dance for Reception aged children where they will be learning three styles of dance, Classical Ballet, Modern Theatre and Tap. At The Studio we follow the ISTD syllabus (Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing) of which we are a member. This is the largest and most established dance board, and the children will be making a start on the first three of their syllabuses, leading them towards their first dance examinations in Year 1. Exams are optional, but its really nice for the group to do these, for the first levels I will go in with the children and lead a demonstration of the work we have learnt, they are great for confidence and always thoroughly enjoyed by the children. Even at age 2 and 3 I will be getting some skills underway in preparation for this.

Your child's teacher is called Miss Emilie

Do I Need To Stay?

For children aged 3 and above, as long as we have your contact information which you will have entered via our website, you can leave your child while they are in class, or you are very welcome to wait. This is a personal choice for you as you know your child best, they will need to be able to handle bathroom trips on their own if you choose to leave them. Under 3's will need to keep an adult close by.

Uniform

Please see the list below. Uniform isn't compulsory until Introduction Level Dance (Reception age) but it is something we try to encourage to help children get ready for the next stages with us.

For the girls, please make sure they wear their cardigans to keep warm rather than a vest underneath their leotards, and also, if possible, plain and well fitting underwear that hides well under their leotards. In general for boys and girls, we strive for a neat and tidy appearance for the discipline of dancing. Don't forget to name everything, especially the girls cardigans as these get taken off during class. The final class of each term will be a costume session where the children can dress up in something special or as their favourite princess or character.

Girls:

White ballet dress
White ballet cardigan
White satin ballet shoes
White ballet socks

Boys:

Black unitard
Black canvas ballet shoes
White dance socks

Hair: Neat and tidy fastened with either hair coloured or white hair ties

Optionals: (Good gift ideas)

Studio Kit Bag - personalised lettering available
Studio Drinks Bottle
Studio T Shirt
Studio Hoodie – personalised lettering on the back available
Studio Joggers
Studio Onesie - personalised initialling down the leg available
Bun foundation for girls hair

Everything is available from The Studio, we have one of every size for you to try on as a sample, your new items will be ordered in for you and usually arrive within a week. Please don't worry if children are not in the correct uniform for their first few sessions, or if your child is reluctant to wear certain items, this is quite common at this age. Don't forget also that dance shoes shouldn't be worn outside, we need to make sure that we don't bring the outdoors into the dance studio which we sit and lie on during lessons, plus also to keep your shoes looking beautiful.

Open Days

As friends and family don't have the opportunity to watch classes on a regular basis, we will be arranging an open day for your child's supporters to see how they are getting on and what they have been learning in their weekly classes.

Sometimes we book a larger venue, or we may invite you to come in to The Studio. More information to come, but we hope to have something in place before the end of 2018.

Correspondance

Most information is sent out via email so please do make sure that you keep us up to date with your details. I tend to send at least one email every couple of weeks so if you haven't had anything from The Studio through to your inbox for a little while, do let me know.

If you need to leave me any forms or payments, we have a drop box in our foyer area which I check at the end of the teaching day.

Very best, Miss Emilie -The Studio