

Our Ref: JHO/LPA/PS112/22
12 January 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian

As you may be aware your son/daughter has successfully auditioned for a place in our team for Dance Live 2022.

We have received confirmation from the organisers that the Event will go ahead on Tuesday 8th February 2022 Portsmouth Guildhall Theatre at 6.30pm (TBC). We will of course keep you informed of any changes and updates.

We are waiting for timings to be confirmed but at this stage, we will be leaving school at 11.30am and travelling by coach to Portsmouth Guildhall. We will rehearse there prior to the final performance. The evening is due to end at 22.45pm and we will return to Angmering School at approximately 23.45pm.

We are holding rehearsals every Tuesday after school and it is essential that your son/daughter comes to every rehearsal they are scheduled for, unless they have a legitimate reason and have spoken to me in advance. If your son/daughter misses a series of rehearsals without good reason then they will not be able to take part.

Cost of the Event

The cost of this trip will be £30 inclusive of transport, entry fee, t-shirt and parent pay fee. Payment of the £30 needs to be made via 'ParentPay'. This can be accessed via the home page on the school's website using the link to ParentPay.

Payment will need to be made by January 28 2022.

If you have any problems accessing ParentPay, or require any further information regarding making payments, please contact our Finance department.

We must tell you that, as the school could not bear any of the costs of the trip without reducing its ability to provide the books and materials that are essential for its curricular needs, the trip cannot take place unless all parents who are able to are willing to contribute. If you would like your son/daughter to participate, but are unable to contribute the full amount, please contact me in confidence, in writing, **as soon as possible**.

Food and drink

All students will need to make sure they have adequate food and drink with them to last the whole day, as there will not be anything available to purchase at the venue.

If your child is entitled to free school meals, the school can provide your child with a sandwich, drink and cookie on the day of the trip. This must be ordered from the canteen by your child the day before the trip takes place, as the canteen will be unable to provide this without prior notice.

Covid information

Should there be changes in government guidelines which results in a trip having to be cancelled as has happened previously during the pandemic , we are no longer able to claim on WSCC insurance for any loss.

Due to the unpredictable nature of the pandemic the Dance Live organisers have devised 4 different formats for the event depending on Government advice and guidelines at the time of the event.

We have been advised that:

“If an individual school is unable to take part in any of the alternate event formats, they will receive a refund along with parents of that school who have bought tickets to the event.

In the circumstance that the event is postponed to later in the school year, all tickets will be automatically transferred to the new event date.”

Insurance for individual cancellation is currently very difficult to acquire and therefore it is necessary to point out that should your child test positive for Coronavirus or have to self isolate and be unable to take part in the trip, you will not receive a refund for the place you have booked.

Covid Status for participating students

We have been advised by the Dance Live organisers that all 11+ participants and teachers will need to wear masks when they are not dancing and will need to do a Lateral Flow Test the morning of the Event. Teachers will 18+ students and staff must provide them, upon arrival, with evidence of either :

a NHS Covid pass, proof of vaccination, evidence of natural immunity or proof of a negative lateral flow test (taken up to 48 hours before).

Any of this evidence can be shown on phones or printed copies.

Please see the link below for more information (this will also apply to parents/friends attending to watch the performance).

[Covid Safety | Portsmouth Guildhall](#)

Please note we will require students to demonstrate to us that they have a negative Covid test when they arrive at school on the morning of the Event. Unfortunately we cannot undertake testing in school so if a student cannot show a negative result they will be unable to go.

We will be making testing kits available to students at rehearsals.

Parent/Friends' tickets for the event

If you wish to attend the Dance Live to watch your child perform, tickets can be purchased from Ticketmaster via this link.

<https://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/event/1F005B61A6C081C6?did=school>

When parents/audience arrive at Dance Live, they will be asked to show evidence of their Covid-19 status before entering the venue. See above.

We will contact you prior to the event to see if you are attending and if your child will be returning home with you rather than by coach transport.

Consent and GDPR

Rather than a paper consent slip, your consent to your child attending this trip and to them attending weekly rehearsals will be deemed to have been given by you logging into your Parent Pay account and paying for this trip. You will also be asked for your contact details for the trip and any medical details that your child may have.

We are required to give the names and dates of birth of all participants to Portsmouth City Council for licensing purposes and also to the Dance Live organisers. For GDPR purposes, we need your consent to do this. This can be done via Parent Pay when you pay for the trip.

Students are expected to abide by our School's Code of Conduct for trips, a copy of which is attached. Any students found not to be adhering to the Code of Conduct, could jeopardise their place on the trip and participation in future trips.

Paracetamol

Due to the nature of the event with its long hours and adrenaline levels going up and down throughout, we are often asked for paracetamol.

Paracetamol will be available from first aid trained staff. If you are happy to consent to your child having paracetamol as required during the event, please consent to this on Parent Pay. The current WSCC guidelines for paracetamol administration is 1 x 500mg tablet will be administered to students 12 years and under, 2 x 500mg tablets to students 13years and over.

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Hodson-Prior
Teacher of Dance