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Dear parent/carer

Dance Live 2022 is almost here, the excitement is mounting for what will be a brilliant culmination of all the hard work and effort the students have made. We are all incredibly proud of their commitment and perseverance.

Please read this letter carefully as it contains important information.

We have been advised by the Dance Live organisers that students will be able to sit in their school groups in the auditorium to watch the performances. Students will be able to move in between the dressing room and auditorium with masks on, although we have been asked to keep this to a minimum. As we are second in the running order, we will be starting hair and make-up during the day to ensure we are ready, if your child leaves the auditorium we need to know where they are going and in no circumstances will they be allowed to leave the building.

We will be rehearsing in school all day on Monday but there is no rehearsal after school that day so that students can rest.

Food and Drink

Please ensure that your child brings enough food and drink to last them the whole day and evening.

Please be aware that some participants have allergies and therefore Dance Live have asked that no food containing nuts is brought to the venue.

Clothing

On Tuesday your child (if performing) is responsible for bringing their own costume. They will need to bring

- **Black leggings or tracksuit bottoms for the day and their Dance Live t-shirt. They can wear these into school on Tuesday.**
- **To reduce contact for Covid reasons, they will also need their own hairspray, hair bands, hair grips and black eyeliner.**

Photography

Dance Live will be taking official photographs and filming our piece during the Event. These may be used for publicity on social media and the images will be available to buy. If you are not happy for your child to be photographed, please let us know.

Important Covid Lateral Flow testing information

In order to keep all the participants as safe as possible, Dance Live is asking that students and staff take a lateral flow test on the morning of the event, 8 February.

Your child will need to do this **before** they come to school as we cannot test large numbers of children within school that morning. You will need to report the result online and your child then brings that confirmation with them into school so that we can check their test result before we depart for Portsmouth. Tests results can be reported via the link below:

[Report a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test result - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/report-a-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-test-result)

Lateral flow testing kits will be available for collection at the rehearsal on Monday 7 February.

Please would you also ensure your child has a mask or masks to last during the day.

We will be asking students to wear a mask whilst travelling on the coach and as they move around the venue. We will also ask them to wear a mask during our last few rehearsals to minimise risk.

Collecting your child after the Event

We recognise that some parents/carers will be attending the Dance Live event and therefore will be taking their child home with them from Portsmouth Guildhall.

So that we know who will be going home with parents or travelling back home on the coach please complete the google form by Friday 4 February. [Collecting your child form](#)

We will have a meeting point at the front of the theatre (on the steps) where you can collect your child from, please do not take them before this, so that we know they have been safely collected and can tick them off.

Tickets are still available for parents to buy from Ticketmaster.

[Tickets: Dance Live 2022 - Senior Heat, Portsmouth | Tue 8 Feb 22 19:00 | Ticketmaster UK](#)

The Event is due to finish at 22.15 and we anticipate that we will be back at school by 23.30pm approx, we will ask students to update you with an ETA as we get nearer to school.

Please be mindful when collecting your child from the school, that it is a residential area and try to keep noise to a minimum.

Wednesday 9 February will be a usual school day for students.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Hodson-Prior