

Good morning,

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the festival and are excited to be back to group performances after COVID meant we could only have solos at the 2021 competition. It feels so good to be able to have some sense of near normality again.



Please see below some information regarding the festival:

**Can we ask teachers to make sure that all their students are forwarded this email, if you submitted their entries.**

### **Venue, Travelling and Parking**

The address is:

**The Pavilion Theatre, Marine Parade, Worthing, BN11 3PX**

Should you wish to travel by train, Worthing Train station is quite close to the venue, approximately a 15-minute walk, or taxis are also available just outside the station.

There are a number of car parks in Worthing and free parking on the road after 6pm.

### **Arrival Times**

The first class of the day, Friday, starts at 4:00pm and performers can gain access to the changing rooms from 3:15pm.

On Saturday the first class is at 10:00am and the theatre will open at 9:15am.

### **Registration on Arrival**

All competitors must sign in on arrival when they hand in their CDs. The registration point will be in the Atrium Bar where the children can get ready. Please can we ask teachers to bring their lanyards from Northbrook or collect from the entrance, and return the lanyard when finished with it.

### **Dressing Room Space**

Dressing room space backstage is limited, so the main area we will use is the Pavilion Atrium. As this will also be open for people to purchase drinks and snacks half the area will be seating, and half the space will be a preparation area. Performers with a number of changes will be allocated a space backstage and notified by their dancing school. We will also try to prioritise space back stage for group sections. The Pavilion Atrium can be used for hair and make-up, and there is an adjacent space and toilets to change in. It is a limit of only one parent /guardian with each competitor and no siblings. Please treat the dressing rooms with respect and leave them clean and tidy.

Competitors will be collected from the Pavilion Atrium or the dressing rooms and taken backstage to perform.

Due to strict licensing laws, only approved personnel have access to backstage. This is restricted to theatre staff; festival volunteers; chaperones; teachers. For safeguarding reasons, the boy's dressing room is located backstage, and one parent/guardian will be allowed to wait with them in the dressing room until they are collected to perform. No other parents/guardians will have access to the backstage area, and we ask you to respect this requirement.

## **Music**

Please make sure all CDs are clearly labelled. At Northbrook a number of CDs had the name of a different child who used to perform the solo and this became very confusing. Please can everyone bring a backup on either CD or USB.

## **Tickets**

Tickets to watch the festival are available from the entrance point on the day. They are priced as follows:

**£6 per session**

**£15 for the day**

**Children under 16 are free**

Card payments are preferred and programmes cost £1

## **Certificates and Medals**

Medals will be awarded to first, second and third place at the time of adjudication. Certificates/mark sheet will be available to collect from the certificate point in the Theatre.

## **Food and Drink**

The Pavilion Atrium will be open and serves drinks and snacks as well as having a bar. There are also several places nearby for hot food.

## **Photography and Videoing**

In line with our safeguarding policy photos and videoing of any performance is strictly forbidden.

## **Covid**

In line with government guidelines the wearing of facemasks is not mandatory; however we do advise they be worn in busy areas. Competitors are requested to not wear masks backstage.

To try and keep everyone as safe as possible we ask that everyone over the age of 11 takes a lateral flow test before attending. Please do not attend if you receive a positive result.

Should you or your child feel unwell or have Covid symptoms we also ask that you do not attend the festival.

Whilst we accept that it is impossible to guarantee a Covid free event we feel that we should all do our best to keep everyone safe, and hope you feel able to support us with this

Finally, just a reminder that all the people running the festival are volunteers and without them there would be no festival. Please treat them with respect and be courteous. Should you have any complaints or concerns please bring these to our attention as soon as possible.

We are striving for a happy and friendly atmosphere at Worthing Festival, where all performers and dance schools are welcome, and everyone supports each other. We hope that you all feel able to support us in maintaining this throughout the Festival

We look forward to seeing you all!  
The Festival Committee