

FMHDS Pupil & Parent Expectations

Monthly Membership

Class memberships fees are paid monthly at the first class of the month. This payment secures your space in the class and the dance school, should you go on holiday or miss classes. This can be paid by direct debit or cash. If for any reason I have to cancel a class that results in less than 4 weeks of classes being offered that month, a discount or small group private lesson can be arranged. The membership cost could be subject to an increase in the future.

Unless stated, all classes continue during school holidays. Monthly payments remain the same.

Missing Classes

If you cannot attend a class, please notify me as soon as possible so I know how many to expect at class and to change lesson plans if necessary. Should you miss more than 3 weeks of classes in any one month, without any communication with me, your place in the class will be given to someone on the waiting list. This will not apply if you have missed classes due to a family holiday, illness/ injury, family bereavement or any other similar circumstance.

Should you be unable to make your class and would like to switch class, or wish to attend a second class per week please feel free to contact me. I will try to accommodate where I can, however, if classes are full this will not be possible.

Class Expectations

- Pupils should line up outside of the hall 5/10minutes before the starting time. Dancers should be dressed in dance school uniform with shorts or leggings on, with dance shoe laces tied.
- Pupils should arrive with enough water for the duration of their class. No juice or food should be brought to class, nor should any toys, mobile phones or any other item that may cause distraction in class.
- Parents are not encouraged to sit in and watch the class, as it often causes a distraction for the dancers. Should this concern you or your child, please contact me to discuss this.

Dancers Rules and Expectations

- Dancers are expected to behave appropriately at all times. They should listen and respect the teacher/s, other dancers and parents and should not act violently (verbally or physically) at any time.
- Dancers should display good sportsmanship by including and encouraging all dancers in class and competitions, and celebrate others' success.
- Dancers should always work hard and try their best in class, at home and at competitions.
- Dancers should share any concerns or injuries they may have with me, whether this be quietly to the side of a class or through their parents.
- Dancers should respect the venues that we use. These are public places and should always be left tidy and in good order. This includes toilets and hallways.
- Dancers should use the dance school equipment appropriately. Students who misuse equipment regularly (e.g standing on swords or touching music equipment), will receive a ban from that piece of equipment. Parents will be charged if a student damages a piece of equipment.
- Dancers should not bring any valuable property or possessions to class. We will not be responsible for any loss or damage to property whilst on the premises.

Behaviour Protocol

Any dancer who is misbehaving &/or being disruptive during a class will;

Be asked to stop the behaviour in question. Failure to stop, will result in the child being asked to sit out for 5 minutes. If the behaviour continues the child will not be allowed to continue with the rest of the class and parents will be informed. If a child's behaviour is continually disruptive over a number of classes a meeting will be arranged with the child, parents and teacher. Although this has never happened, persistent disruptive behaviour may result in a dancer being asked to leave the dance school.

Parent/Carer Rules and Expectations

- Parents should ensure that a teacher is present before leaving their child in class.
- Parents are responsible for keeping all contact & medical information up to date and therefore you should make me aware of any changes.
- Parents should be aware that minor injuries may be treated in class as required. In the event of more serious illness or injuries, parents will be contacted and emergency services if needed. Parents will be informed of any injuries sustained during class.
- Parents should be aware that physical contact may be required between the teacher and student, in an appropriate manner, to teach and correct movements.
- Parents should not publicly question a judge or teachers' judgment or honesty.
- Parents are respectfully asked to give due consideration to the times they contact me out-with dance classes.
- Parents should contact me directly should they have any concerns, questions or problems. Quick queries can be asked just before or after your child's class, but please remember that my classes run consecutively so long discussions will delay the start of the next class.
- Parents should not use Facebook or any other Social media site to publicly discuss any concerns that they have with other dancers/parents, the dance school or SOHDA.
- Parents should collect their children on time following classes.

'The school exists to teach children highland dancing whilst simultaneously improving their confidence and providing them with experiences and friendships that could last a lifetime. Inclusion, co- operation, camaraderie and team work is at the heart of the dance school. The purpose is to learn together, enjoy classes and competitions and most importantly - have fun!'