

**Child Protection Policy**  
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**The safety of children and vulnerable adults is of paramount importance.**

**Section A**

**Aim**

It is the aim of ***Kitty Langan Studio*** in co-operation with parents and guardians, to ensure as far as reasonable practicable the health and safety of the children (under the age of 18) and vulnerable adults to which it supplies a service to teach song & dance. In this policy Child will mean, children under the age of 18 and/or vulnerable adult.

**Responsibilities**

**The Principal:**

- ⤴ Is responsible for this policy and ensuring it is brought to the attention of all teaching, support staff, parents and guardian.
- ⤴ Is responsible for ensuring all issues or concerns brought to her attention in relation to child protection are investigated thoroughly and sensitively.
- ⤴ Ensures where reasonable practicable no child is discriminated against in terms of medical condition and/or disability.
- ⤴ For ensuring the health and safety of the children under her care during show rehearsals and performance, including using responsible and appropriate chaperons as deemed necessary.

**Teaching and Support staff are responsible for:**

- ⤴ Ensuring their teaching methods are anatomically safe, and they are competent to teach.
- ⤴ Ensuring where physical corrections are required these are appropriate and carried out in a careful and sensitive manner. (Due to the nature of dance training, physical corrections may be required)
- ⤴ Ensuring they act at all times in the best interest of the health and safety of the children in their care.

**Parents/Guardians are responsible for:**

- ⤴ Informing the principle and/or a staff member, in writing any issues, including medical conditions that may have an affect on the child's health or safety whilst in the care of ***Kitty Langan Studio***, either on the premises or during external events.
- ⤴ Ensuring the health and safety of their children when not in the care of a teacher or support staff. Please note: changing areas and toilets are not supervised; all reasonable precautions will be taken to safe guard these areas, but the school is not responsible for your child outside of their lesson times.
- ⤴ Where appropriate, for the health and safety of your child during festivals and are responsible for ensuring festival rules for child protection, and health and safety are complied with.

**Photography, Recording and Press Photography**

Any form of photography, video, sound recording is prohibited during rehearsals, in changing rooms/areas and/or lessons without the consent of the principle. During show performances photography and/or video may be carried out by authorised personnel, it is with regret we are unable to accommodate removing individual children from group photographs, to this effect you are requested not to allow your child to take part in the show/s if you do not wish them to be photographed.

**Review**

The Policy will be reviewed annually and updated in line with changes in regulations and/or school policies and procedure.