

FAQ CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Do I need to book in advance?

Yes please! Please send an email (info@jcdance.co.uk) so that we can make sure your child is booked in for the correct class and so that our teacher knows to expect you. Some classes may not have availability and we don't enrol for all classes at all times of the year (for example, in the lead up to a show, event or exams) so it's important to communicate beforehand so there is no disappointment. You will be emailed a registration form prior to your first lesson.

What should my child wear?

Whilst settling in, something comfy that is easy to move in such as leggings or joggers with t shirts / vests is great. For tap, outdoor shoes (eg school shoes) are fine to start with and bare feet are fine for everything else. Once you are happy your child is settled in their class and wish to continue they will require the correct uniform for the class and you can order uniform through us if you wish. There are uniforms for all classes bar Baby Steps Dance.

How much are lessons and how do I pay?

Our current fees are:

30 minute lesson £5 45 minute lesson £6 60 minute lesson £7 Baby Steps Dance £6

As a new starter you can book a 3 paid week trial (weeks must be consecutive) and following that classes are invoiced in half term blocks, payable via bank transfer. You will not be refunded for missed lessons (except in the instance of prolonged serious illness or injury) nor will we credit for lessons missed during term time for holidays.

Where are you based?

All our under 4s dance classes take place on weekday mornings at Weeton Village Hall (PR4 3ND) which is easily accessible from many areas of the Fylde Coast. Our afternoon and evening classes take place at both Blackpool 6th Form College (FY3 7LR) and Scream Studios (FY3 7XG) which are both just outside Poulton le Fylde, a 2 minutes drive from Carleton Crossing.

Can parents watch?

Children younger than 4 attending our "Little Steps Dance" or "Pre School Combo" classes may need their grown up to watch or join in with them for a couple of lessons whilst they settle in; children settle in at different paces and we will work with you to encourage your child to feel confident enough to join in independently. For children over 4, unless your child is very shy or anxious, or there are particular circumstances, we would encourage children of this age to come into class on their own. Most of our 4-11 year old classes have a class assistant who is on hand to provide an extra bit of personal attention to any shy newcomers and we will always encourage social interaction within classes so that newcomers feel welcomed straight away.

Does my child have to attend multiple classes?

We don't stipulate that children must attend multiple classes (the exception to this is Acro, once a child progresses into Acro 2, they must also attend at least one dance class a week) however if it possible to attend more than one genre it greatly benefits a child's dance development and social interaction within their class and anyone wanting to pursue dance more seriously should be attending multiple classes. Some of our higher level classes are only available to students attending other classes.

Do you offer Exams?

Yes. We are qualified teachers with the RAD (Royal Academy of Dance) and ISTD (Imperial Society of Dance) and offer Ballet and Modern exams with these boards. Children are invited to take part in exams once they have reached the required standard and can opt in or out. Our Acro classes are taught by qualified Acrobatic Arts teacher Clare and the classes follow their syllabus however we don't enter exams for Acro.

Do you do a Show?

Yes. We produce an annual show, usually 3 performances over 2 days in the theatre at Blackpool Sixth Form towards the end of each year. There are additional costs involved in the show (costumes, rehearsal, tickets) but we work hard to keep costume costs down and to reuse as much as possible. We also try to take part in other events; notably the HITS at Blackpool Opera House and Poulton Gala (procession and performance).

Do you do competitions?

No. We do not take part in any competitions. Competitions can be very costly in terms of money (costume, entry fees, choreography, rehearsals and more) and time (rehearsals, plus the events themselves are almost exclusively at weekends and in school holidays) and they simply don't fit into our ethos for JC Dance.