

Marwyn School of Dancing

Please read carefully and do not lose or throw this letter away until after the show!!

Show Backstage Rules

Due to the current Child Protection Regulations, please ensure that you carefully read the Child Protection Mandatory Rules section.

We are extremely sorry that we have to enforce additional rules and regulations. However, we pride ourselves in being a family dancing school. Our main objective is to look after and protect all the children to the best of our ability. We really do appreciate all the time and effort that everyone has gone to in relation to the Chaperone Licences, as, without these, there could be no show.

Child Protection Mandatory Rules

- When children arrive for shows at the theatre, **only the licensed chaperones on duty are allowed backstage**. Please therefore bring your child/ren to the stage door, sign them in, and leave them in the care of the chaperones.
- Please **do not** wander into the wings/backstage area during performances, rehearsals, or during the intervals.
- Please collect children after the performance, from the stage door, approximately **15 minutes** after the show has finished. Children will be dressed and brought to the stage door by a chaperone, when ready. They **must** then be signed out prior to being handed over to the care of parents/guardians. Please be patient when collecting as we have many dancers to sort out and match to parents/guardians.
- If, for any reason, a child's 'designated' parent/guardian is **not** collecting them after the show, then we **must** have a **signed letter** when they are dropped off, detailing who will be collecting them. We will not release a child into the care of anyone other than the designated 'collector' unless we have this letter.

Reminders for show nights

- Please send children in blouses or cardigans that button up the front (**no vests, crop tops or pullovers**). They will be changing after they have their makeup applied.
- Please arrive with girl's hair in buns. Please also spray their hair **at home** as we may have asthmatic children in the cast.
- Please leave **all** jewellery at home. We will not be held responsible for it.
- Please send costumes, shoes etc., in a small suitcase (**not a collection of carrier bags**).
- Please ensure that your child's name is **on ALL items of costume**.
- Costumes may be left at the Spa from **Wednesday** night.
- Please **do not** send food or drinks of any sort with the children on Dress rehearsal and Show nights. They will be provided with a biscuit and a drink in the interval. Any other food found on the children will be confiscated. They are however, allowed to bring a snack and drink on March 29th & March 31st.
- If you wish to present your child with any special gift for taking part in the show, please can you do so at home, and not in front of other children.
- **For Child Protection reasons, NO photography of any sort, (video/film/digital/phone) is permitted during rehearsals or performances.** There will be a Show DVD available to buy as well as still photos.

Please turn over

Rehearsal Nights

Sunday 29th March, the rehearsal will run in SHOW ORDER

2.00 to 3.00	Spring	3.00 to 4.00	Summer
4.00 to 5.00	Autumn	5.00 to 6.00	Winter

Tuesday and **Wednesday**, the rehearsal will run in SHOW ORDER with the exception of: Lambs, Bunnies, Daisies, Robins, Angels & Holly Berries, who will rehearse **FIRST**, after which they may go home.

Arrival times for Show Nights

Please arrive PROMPTLY and only at your allotted time as there are many dancers to process into the theatre!!

Please also note that the car park at the rear of the Spa Pavilion is only for Spa staff and immediate staff of the school. This car park must **NOT** be used to drop off and collect children. Regrettably, this also applies to chaperones as the space is so limited. Car parking is available in Ranelagh Road car park (pay & display), Hamilton Gardens above the theatre, and on the approach road to the theatre (pay & display). We apologise for having to insist on this.

Friday Night Show

- **5:00** All pupils except those in the next 2 time slots
- **5:45** Angels, Robins, Autumn leaves, Fish & Holly Berries
- **6:00** Lambs, Bunnies & Daisies

Saturday Night Show

- **1:00** All pupils except those in the next 2 time slots
- **1:45** Angels, Robins, Autumn leaves, Fish & Holly Berries
- **2:00** Lambs, Bunnies & Daisies

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We realise that we are imposing lots of apparently harsh rules for this show, and for this we apologise. We hope however, that you will appreciate these are all in your child's interest, as well as complying with the rules of the Spa Pavilion Theatre.

We sincerely appreciate your help and cooperation, and hope that you will all thoroughly enjoy our show.

With Thanks – Jackie, Vickie and Kelly