



ELLEN ELPHICK DANCE ACADEMY

Physical Contact Policy

In dance, it can be necessary to correct a child's posture, placement of limbs or stance. Ellen Elphick Dance Academy endeavours to ensure that a teachers' use of touch is in the appropriate manner and with appropriate contact and physical pressure.

Teachers of Ellen Elphick Dance Academy use demonstration, imagery and visualisation to help children mentally make the muscle adjustment to produce the required position. By giving permission for your child to attend the Ellen Elphick Dance Academy, you are agreeing to the use of physical contact by way of correction during classes and only when deemed necessary by the teacher.

If any student or parent or carer has an issue with physical correction, please speak to the principal and adjustments will be made. If a student feels uncomfortable, they must make the teacher/principal aware, this can be via email before they start classes, during the class or afterwards.

Teachers will only use physical correction once they have informed the child that they intend to physically correct them. Touch will be with a flat hand that is direct and only completely necessary.

All teachers and staff of Ellen Elphick Dance Academy hold current and up to date DBS checks.

Please speak directly to Ellen Elphick if you have any worries or concerns about this policy.