



PERFORMERS THEATRE COMPANY

School Partnerships Policy 2024

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At Performers Theatre Company, our aim is to offer high quality teaching and outstanding performance opportunities to children and young people aged between 5-18. Our highly skilled and professionally trained teachers aspire to give our members the chance to perform to their highest ability in all aspects of the performing arts through building their performance, self-confidence, physical, mental, social and life skills in engaging and exemplary lessons. It is our goal to give our members long-lasting memories and performance opportunities that will allow them to achieve and prosper in all areas of their future lives.

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Since opening in May 2022, our school has expanded considerably, and we have already begun to venture out into many exciting opportunities. Since November 2022, we have been working in close partnership with local schools to provide high-quality performing arts training as after-school clubs. We believe this will help promote a love of the arts and give as many young people as possible the opportunity to appreciate what Performers Theatre Company, especially those who may be unable to commit to our core classes, is all about. This policy outlines what we will offer and what we would expect from schools we are partnering with to follow.



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What will we offer?

- High quality sessions at affordable prices
- Fully qualified, professionally trained teachers
- Fully DBS checked and First Aid trained staff
- Performance outcomes at the end of each half term (depending on the school)
- The dealing of all signing up, payments and communication with children's adults (where applicable)

What will sessions consist of?

Sessions will focus on musical theatre, in particular dance. Movement, core stability, technique, posture, and co-ordination will be key skills implemented across all sessions. There will also be a range of opportunities for improvisation, script work, voice technique and character building. Depending on the school, sessions can focus on a performance outcome at the end of the half term. All skills will cross over regularly during sessions allowing children to experience all 3 disciplines.

How much will sessions cost?

Sessions will cost **£5 per class**. Fees are to be paid upfront for the half term. This will vary depending on the length of the half term. *E.g. Autumn term 2 is, usually, 7 weeks long so there would be an upfront payment of £35.*

All fees are **non-refundable** unless a class has been cancelled and no alternative can be offered.

How do children sign up for these classes?

As a school, we use ClassForKids which allows parents/carers to sign up and pay for their child's place. (<https://performers-theatre-company.classforkids.io>) All signing up (regardless of school) is done through Performers Theatre Company.

Partnered schools are only there to promote our sessions and allow us space to facilitate them.

What will your school offer?

- A suitably sized space for our sessions to be facilitated
- An enthusiasm to promote our sessions across your school
- A maximum of 25 children from across all year groups (per session)
- An appreciation of and for the arts
- Well behaved children who are respectful and ready to learn

Behaviour

We expect behaviour to be of a high standard. Children should be ready to learn and respectful towards our members of staff.

We operate on a 'warning' system whereby if a child's behaviour is unacceptable in the first instance, they will be given a warning and an email/phone call made to the parent/carer. If the behaviour reoccurs on a second occasion, the child will be removed from the register. **No refunds will be given.**

Poor behaviour includes (but is not limited to):

- Repeatedly ignoring instructions given by staff
- Disrupting the session (running around, shouting out etc.)
- Verbal or physical towards staff or children
- Putting themselves or others at risk (e.g. climbing apparatus, leaving the class without permission)

As a school, we are **inclusive of all children** and any needs they may have. These needs can be catered for using the resources and funds that we have available to us.

Parents/carers (and where possible, the school), should provide us with as much information as possible regarding their child, in particular their specific needs where further provision/support may be required.

Children who are Pupil Premium can also sign up for our sessions; the school will be invoiced accordingly.

Caring for our young people

Performers Theatre Company will act in 'loco parentis' towards everyone under the age of 18. This means that all staff, volunteers, and adults at Performers will undertake the responsibility and care that would be expected of 'a reasonable parent'. Safety is of paramount importance at any of our classes. All children and young people will be expected to act in a responsible way (in line with our Code of Conduct - found on our website) and abide by all safety regulations and procedures that are in place. Photographs and other images of our children are carefully controlled by Performers. In line with GDPR, Performers will only take photographs/videos if given consent by a parent/guardian. All adults working at Performers are fully DBS checked.

Dress code

All children taking part in sessions must wear appropriate clothing that will allow them to move freely - school uniform is acceptable. Hair should be tied back, and

all jewellery removed. Children should either wear suitable footwear or barefoot.
Only socks is not permitted.