

The Mary Grimes School of Irish Dancing

At the Mary Grimes School of Irish Dancing the safety and wellbeing of our students and teachers is paramount. As a result, and in keeping with the current HSE & Government Guidelines, The Mary Grimes School of Irish Dancing has implemented the following measures specific to COVID-19.

- All teachers at the Mary Grimes School of Irish Dancing are fully aware and understand the importance of the HSE and Government Public Health Advice and Guidelines. These Guidelines will be adhered to at all times in each class.
- Each parent / guardian must ensure that their child is not displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 or within the 7 days preceding the class has been in contact with anyone else displaying symptoms or a confirmed case. This also applies to children that may be sneezing or coughing.
- Awareness signs are displayed at the entrance and within each class promoting awareness to the Guidelines. Prior to the beginning of each class the children will be reminded as to the importance of the Guidelines. We understand that some of the children are very young, so the teachers will strive to portray this in a fun and friendly manner.
- A Hand Sanitizing Station is available at each class and the children and teachers must sanitize their hands upon entering and leaving the class.
- Only children attending the class are permitted to enter the class. Parents or guardians must wait outside the class and adhere to the Social Distancing Guidelines while doing so.
- In keeping with the Social distancing Guidelines all children attending each class and the teachers will remain 2mtrs apart during the class. Upon arrival at the class, each child will be assigned to a designated position in the class. Each position will be designated with a floor marker. These markers are placed on the floor at 2mtr distances. There will be no contact at any point throughout the class. This means that until the restriction to Social Distancing are lifted, only solo or individual dances will be performed.
- Children must bring their own drinks to each class. It would be advisable that the child's name is displayed on each bottle to avoid confusion and potential mix-up.
- If a child needs to use the bathroom, they will do this alone. Only one child is permitted to use the bathroom at any time. Parents must encourage their children on the importance of washing their hands after using the bathroom. The teacher will also remind the children during the class. Signage will be displayed within the bathroom to promote further awareness for the children.
- When each class has ended, the children will leave the class individually where they will be collected by the parent or guardian from outside of the class. It is the responsibility of each parent / guardian to ensure that the social distancing guidelines are adhered to at this time.
- In the event a child displays symptoms of Covid-19, the class will cease immediately with all children remaining at their respective markers. The parents / guardians will be contacted, and arrangements made for immediate collection as per the point above. Due to the class Social Distancing measures the risk of contamination of other children within the class is very low.
- The area where the child was positioned during the class will be cleaned using anti-bacterial cleaner. The cleaning will be performed by the teacher who will be wearing the appropriate PPE. This applies also if the child used the bathroom facilities.
- At the end of every class the door handles will be cleaned by the teacher using an anti-bacterial cleaner.
- With the measures being taken, we feel that the Mary Grimes School of Irish Dancing will be a safe and fun place to be.