



Physical Correction Policy

Dancing is a physical skill and in order to help and facilitate the student's learning, the teacher may need to physically guide a movement by touch. Touch promotes kinaesthetic learning and can sometimes produce a quicker response to correction than other teaching tools. Students' personal boundaries vary with each individual and are influenced by their past experiences, culture, age and gender. Bodywork Company has a Physical Correction Policy in place to protect staff and students and encourage best practice. The following requirements must be adhered to.

Teachers at Bodywork Company are required to:

- Ensure they use a range of teaching tools other than touch, such as imagery and visualisation, demonstration and encouraging students to self-correct
- Be sensitive to gender, age and cultural issues
- Touch in a professional and unambiguous manner
- Ensure touch is firm, direct and necessary, using a flat hand and with a clinical nature
- Avoid: close physical contact around the pelvis; use of sharp finger nails; 'tickling' to produce sensation; touching the head, face or hair
- Avoid damaging touch such as forced stretching, use of excessive force to help a movement or hitting arms and legs to remind about correction
- Check that learning has occurred through this action and if not, try to convey understanding in a different way
- Use eye contact to monitor how the student is responding to contact and be sensitive to their response.

Students at Bodywork Company are required to:

- Make the Head of Wellbeing aware if they are not comfortable with the use of touch.
- Report any instance in which they feel touch has been used inappropriately to the Designated Safeguarding Lead or Deputy Designated Safeguard Leads.

In a situation where it appears this policy has not been adhered to, those concerned will be subject to the guidelines laid out in the Harassment Policy

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