

# Jayne A Coleman Academy of Dance

## Coronavirus Examinations Update

With the outbreak of coronavirus (Covid-19) ongoing, the RAD have now advised that due to the escalation of the COVID-19 coronavirus worldwide, and the additional government directives on travel, school closures and public gatherings, the Royal Academy of Dance is suspending examiner travel until 30 April 2020. Therefore an examiner will not be available to complete our exams this term. This is not a decision the RAD have made lightly.

The RAD have advised that they will honour all examinations entries that have already been made in good faith, and working to allow these examinations to go ahead, with a mixture of postponement and reorganization, as well as potentially filming some assessments to be sent for marking to the Panel of Examiners.

The ISTD have not yet made any announcements, but we are prepared that they may also issue a similar directive.

We are aware of how hard the pupils have worked to prepare for their exams and we will be keeping in contact with both the RAD and ISTD in regards to the rescheduled exam dates and the potential to submit our entries via video. With this in mind, we will continue to run the exam classes as scheduled at the moment, in order to maintain the standards required should we be able to enter via video. This will also leave the pupils in the best position to complete their exams as soon as possible.

Dependent on future government announcements regarding educational settings, there is a chance that all dance classes will need to be suspended at some stage. If so, any exam classes that have not been completed will be rescheduled and made up as soon as possible. This applies to extra exam classes only.

I also ask that any outstanding examination fees and term fees are paid now, in line with the directive from the RAD that the exams will be going ahead as soon as possible.

I would also like to remind all parents to please make sure we have all your current contact details. We are asking ALL PUPILS to fill out a new enrolment form at [www.jacad.co.uk/enrol](http://www.jacad.co.uk/enrol) in order to ensure our database is fully up to date - even if you have filled out an enrolment before.

If you have any questions, please contact [jayne@jacad.org](mailto:jayne@jacad.org)

Please see overleaf for updated general coronavirus advice

### Please note:

People should minimise non-essential contact. We recommend that parents do not congregate in the waiting areas at JACAD. Please drop off your child and leave the building wherever possible.

We also recommend that grandparents do not do drop offs/pick ups at JACAD wherever possible.

People who have a new, continuous cough, or a fever, should self-isolate for 14 days.

People who live in a household with someone who has the above, should also self-isolate for 14 days.

People who have returned from Category 1 specified countries/areas in the last 14 days should self-isolate. Do not attend classes at J.A.C.A.D. if you are in this category.

People who have returned from Category 2 specified countries/areas in the last 14 days are advised to stay at home if they develop symptoms. In this instance, please do not attend classes.

Anyone in the above categories should contact Jayne Coleman to advise of their situation.

The current list of specified countries can be found here -

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-specified-countries-and-areas>

### General hygiene

J.A.C.A.D. requests that all pupils and parents take reasonable steps to limit the spread of infection. Pupils AND parents should wash your hands before and after class and when using the bathroom - this is standard good hygiene practice. Students who are unwell should NOT attend class. It is also the parent's responsibility to ensure that pupils who have been in contact with those with cold or flu symptoms should stay home - families should self-isolate as advised by the government.

### In the event of class cancellations

J.A.C.A.D. will notify all pupils and parents if government advice leads to the necessary cancellation of classes. We will keep parents informed as more information becomes available. If government advice changes we may need to cancel Watching Week this term to prevent unnecessary exposure to any illnesses - once again we will let everyone know if this occurs.

### Useful links

Please note the following links are helpful in understanding public health advice related to the coronavirus outbreak.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/topical-events/coronavirus-covid-19-uk-government-response>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19#what-to-do-if-c>

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### Questions

Should you have any questions regarding the above, please contact Jayne Coleman on 01276 508 789 or [jayne@jacad.org](mailto:jayne@jacad.org).