



GRANGE SCHOOL
A Culture of Continuous Improvement

Safe Touch Policy

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During dance, musical theatre, drama and music training, some physical contact may be deemed necessary between staff and students. Physical instruction which involves safe touch towards certain areas of training is sometimes essential to aid effective teaching and learning i.e. awareness of correct muscle usage, correct posture, correct line and breathing techniques.

Good Practice

- Always work in an open environment avoiding private unobserved situations and encourage open communication with no secrets.
- The intention behind all physical contact is professional and unambiguous.
- Any physical contact during teaching is firm, direct and necessary.
- Any student has the right to refuse any 'hands on' tuition.
- Treat all students equally and with respect and dignity.
- Always put the welfare of each student first.

Practices to be avoided

- Avoid spending time alone with students away from others save in essential one to one situations when extreme care should be exercised.

Practices never to be sanctioned

- Allowing or engaging in horseplay, physical or sexually provocative games.
- Allowing or engaging in any form of inappropriate touching.
- Making sexually suggestive comments to a student, even in fun.
- Reducing a student to tears as a form of control.
- Failing to act on and record any allegations made by a student.

Incidents that must be reported and recorded

If any of the following occur during or in the context of a Grange event or activity, it should immediately be reported to the designated Child Protection Officer:

- If you accidentally hurt a student.
- If a student appears to be sexually aroused by your actions.
- If a student misunderstands or misinterprets something you have done.
- If a student is unusually distressed and you have any suspicions of or concerns about potential abuse.