



Festival Information

I am very excited to once again be able to offer dance festivals and competitions to all of our students! For me, being able to perform and compete helped me in so many different aspects of both my dance/fitness lifestyle but also my personal life:

- Growing in confidence.
- Teamwork and trust when performing with others.
- Stage presence/Public speaking.
- Increased flexibility, skills and fitness through extra practice time.
- Ability to take feedback.
- New friends- some of my closest friends I met at dance festivals.
- Opportunities to win medals, trophies, scholarships and more.
- On top of that- you get to wear fun costumes and express yourself through movement.

Each dance studio chooses to run its festival/competition “teams” differently. Many decide to choose the students who will attend based on different factors. Being from this background, I truly see the benefits of these events and therefore will offer the following when it comes to competitions:

- **Any student aged 5 or over may compete.** It doesn't matter what level or style they take class in as we think it is beneficial for all students. We start at 5 as that's the age many festivals allow entries to start. Dancers must be ready to commit to extra lessons and practicing their routines at home so they are comfortable when going on-stage.
- We will be entering solos (1 dancer), duets (2 dancers) and trios (3 dancers). Groups may be a consideration if there is enough interest. Please let me know if there are 4 or more of you who wish to dance together.

- Generally, students would wear some stage makeup, but if you are not comfortable with this then it is not necessary. You are in control of this for solos, duets and trios and we can discuss your comfort level as a parent.

If you decide it isn't for you, that is completely okay! Your child's classes will never be affected should they decide they don't want to compete and they will still receive the same attention, training and treatment that they currently get in class. This is an option for anyone who wants extra performance opportunities.

This Year's Festivals

This year we will be attending a few different festivals. If you wish to participate, you may choose to enter as little or as many of these festivals as you wish. The below are the festivals we will be entering:

North Cornwall Festival (Launceston): February Half-term (currently full, but can be added to a waiting list).

Torbay and South West of England Dance Festival (Paignton):

Saturday March 21st- Sunday March 22nd (Novice festival for dancers who haven't placed in a festival before).

Tuesday, April 7th - Tuesday, April 14th (Open festival for dancers who have placed before).

Plymouth Dance Festival: Dates have not been announced but will likely be Saturday July 18th- Sunday July 26th.

North Devon Dance Festival (Bideford): October Half term

Additional festivals can be added in if you wish to compete more. Miss Risa will aim to be at as many festivals as possible, but this may not always be possible.

You will not need to be there each day of the festival, but we won't receive the dates and times your child competes until closer to the festival. As soon as I receive this information, you will be informed.

Lessons and Costs

To learn the routines, your child will need to attend private/semi-private lessons, depending on the type of routine they wish to enter. Once I know who is interested in these we can create a timetable.

Payment Plans

I am flexible with how each family wants to spread out their payments. We can do upfront payments for all costs, monthly payments, or weekly payments for your lessons. All payments for these lessons will need to be paid by cash, card or bank transfer. We can discuss these payment options further if you decide to participate.

Sessions

Solos, Duets and Trios will likely require six 45-minute lessons for dancers to learn their routine and “clean” (review) it. More or less lessons may be needed depending on how fast your dancers learn and how often they continue to practice at home.

Pricing

Solos

45-minute private lessons: £25 per lesson

Competition Entry Fee: These range from £5- approx £10 per entry.

Costume Cost: These generally start at £30 per dancer, but we can discuss different options depending on the routine.

Duets

45-minute semi-private lessons: £17 per dancer per lesson.

Competition Entry Fee: These range from £4- Approx £7 per dancer.

Costume Cost: These generally start at £30 per dancer, but we can discuss different options depending on the routine.

Trios

45-minute semi-private lessons: £12 per dancer per lesson.

Competition Entry Fee: These range from £4- Approx £7 per dancer.

Costume Cost: These generally start at £30 per dancer, but we can discuss different options depending on the routine.

Students and parents will need to arrange their travel to the competition.

I would love for as many dancers to attend as possible, so if you are worried about costs please let me know and we can work through a payment schedule.

If you would like to attend, please let me know ASAP so we can start planning lessons.