



## Covid-19 Risk assessment for Theatrebugs Ltd.

Our teachers provide drama, music and dance sessions for aged 3 months to 7 years in nursery, preschool and school settings.

This risk assessment was carried out by Paula Purssord August 15<sup>th</sup> 2020 And updated on April 9<sup>th</sup> 2021

<b>Teachers</b>	Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teachers should only attend the setting if they are symptom free, have completed the required isolation period or achieved a negative test result.</li> <li>• Teachers should follow the individual guidelines of the settings they attend.</li> <li>• Teachers should complete 2 lateral flow tests with a space of 3-4 days between each test every week. They must then provide Head office with evidence of all test results.</li> <li>• In the event that a teacher has been diagnosed with Covid-19 we will immediately inform the relevant settings.</li> </ul>
	Physical distancing/ grouping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wherever possible staff should remain constant so that we have the same members of staff in each day.</li> <li>• Social distancing must be maintained where possible.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where possible, meetings and training sessions should be conducted through virtual conferencing.</li> </ul>
	Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All staff members must receive appropriate instruction and training in infection control and the standard operating procedure and risk assessments within which they will be operating.</li> </ul>

<b>Travel</b>	Travel associated with setting operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wherever possible staff should travel to the nursery alone, using their own transport.</li> <li>• If public transport is necessary, staff should wear a mask, maintain social distancing and sanitize hands before and after transport use.</li> <li>• A full length coat should be worn whilst travelling and removed and placed into a bag before entering the setting. If this is not possible then clothes should be changed on arrival at the setting.</li> </ul>
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<b>Hygiene and Health &amp; Safety</b>	Hand Washing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All staff must wash their hands upon arrival to the setting for 20 seconds and (where relevant) between classrooms. If hand washing isn't possible between classrooms, hand sanitizer must be used. They should wash hands before leaving the setting.</li> </ul>
	Cleaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An enhanced cleaning schedule of props must be implemented after each session that includes the puppet box, instruments, bubble wand, music player, and pom, pom handles. Settings are encouraged to provide their own instruments/shakers to the children for use in our sessions. Where this is not possible, the teacher will use hers and ensure she allows some time at the end of the session to thoroughly sanitize each instrument before packing them away.</li> </ul>
	PPE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our teachers will be provided with visors by Theatrebugs Ltd for use where appropriate in the sessions.</li> <li>• Our teachers will cover their uniform when travelling to and from the settings by wearing a jacket/long dress over their clothes). If it is not possible to cover their uniform completely then the teacher will change into their Theatrebugs uniform at the settings before they commence the session.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The teacher will bring with them a pair of indoor shoes for facilitating the sessions or they will wear socks. Outdoor shoes will not be permitted in the setting. Staff are to wash their uniform daily.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Class Structure</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small changes will be made to our class structures to ensure that the children remain safe.</li> <li>• We will discourage children from holding hands or bunching closely together.</li> <li>• We will not ask them to touch their faces or invite them to touch the puppets.</li> <li>• Bubble wands will be used by waving the wands through the air as opposed to blowing through them to make bubbles.</li> </ul>
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Where possible, we encourage nurseries to use their own shakers. If this is not possible then we will have our own ones which we can use. Time will be allocated at the end of the session for the teachers to clean the instruments before leaving.

