



Step into Dance is a Royal Academy of Dance programme in partnership with the Jack Petchey Foundation

Covid- 19 Guidance- Step into Dance (last updated 19 March)

We understand that this must be a difficult and uncertain time for our schools, students and practitioners, and hope that the guidance below will answer queries:

Schools programme

The Royal Academy of Dance Executive Board have decided to **suspend all sessions in schools from this Friday (20 March)**. This decision has been taken in order to comply with the announced school closures instigated by the government and will be reviewed in time.

Events

Unfortunately we have taken the decision to **cancel** all Step Around Town events due to take place in April and May, as well as Day of Dance, to ensure that all unnecessary travel be avoided and people keep personal distance. We hope to still run Step Live Festival in July and are liaising with the venue on this.

Projects and companies

The RAD have made the decision to close the Dance School and to cancel the remainder of Spring Term classes at their headquarters. **This will also apply to our Step Companies, Ambassadors, and planned Easter projects**. We will continue to monitor this situation and be in touch with our company members and Ambassadors directly should we be able to resume these activities.

RAD staff have now been asked to work from home but the Step into Dance team have access to our emails and phones.

The RAD are continuing to update guidance regularly and we will communicate any potential further changes to you as soon as we can. Please get in touch with us if you have any further questions:

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Latest Royal Academy of Dance guidance: <https://www.royalacademyofdance.org/coronavirus-guidance/>

