

balletLORENT Youth Academy Terms and Conditions

About

The balletLORENT Youth Academy offers creatively talented children and young people from across Newcastle the opportunity to explore, and advance their dance and theatre creative, technical and performance skills.

Participants work closely with our artistic team and collaborators to train in movement and build confidence and creativity in making shows, including design, music, and film.

The balletLORENT Youth Academy is supported through trusts and foundations, allowing us to offer this unique opportunity at a subsidised rate, with some free places available. We also provide limited chaperoned transport, refreshments, and lunches during intensives.

Fee Structure from September 2026:

- £5/week – recommended for those able to pay
- £3/week – for children receiving free school meals
- Free – for those unable to pay

We're committed to keeping the Youth Academy accessible, and no child will be excluded due to financial reasons. Please, please get in touch with me if fees are a concern.

There will be no additional fees if your child is invited to rehearse and perform in shows with our professional company (e.g., Northern Stage) for the foreseeable future.

Who is it for?

Children and young people aged 7-13yrs from across Newcastle who we have met through workshops in schools and communities, and who have shown exceptional creative talent, or interest in pursuing dance and creative arts.

The balletLORENT Youth Academy is for children and young people who:

- love to move and be expressive through movement
- are interested in developing their skills and creativity in dance and performance
- are creative
- are passionate about learning and expanding their knowledge and skills in the arts
- are interested in performing, making films, and designing for stage
- have exceptional talent, even if they have no prior experience of dance.

Selection Process

Our team look to invite new members into the balletLORENT Youth Academy when delivering workshops in schools and communities across Newcastle. Where we see a young person with a natural instinct to move and dance, and where we feel we could nurture an untapped ability, we will invite them to attend taster sessions with the balletLORENT Youth Academy.

Taster Sessions are a chance to understand how we work, what we offer, and to meet other members. Following one or two taster sessions, we will decide with participants and families / carers whether to offer a full place.

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We do not hold auditions. We can occasionally offer a place to children and young people who have not come through the school or community workshop path. This decision will be at the company's discretion.

Our Terms

By attending the balletLORENT Youth Academy, children and their families / carers agree to our terms:

Children and young people should:

- come to each session with an open mind, ready to dance and get involved
- be ready to try new things
- bring passion and excitement for dance, creative exploration, and performance
- treat everyone with respect, including teachers, guest collaborators, other participants, and themselves

Children and young people should arrive for each session promptly, ready to start in comfortable clothes to move in. All personal belongings to be put away.

We ask that families / carers commit to and support the principles of the balletLORENT Youth Academy, by:

- ensuring your child attends each session on time and in appropriate clothing
- informing us well in advance if they cannot attend any session and keeping good communication with the balletLORENT team
- ensuring your child understands the behaviours and commitment expected with membership
- supporting the company to implement our best practice and behaviour approaches to developing children's creativity, and dance and theatre skills, as well as social, mental and physical wellbeing

Some of our performance and film projects require additional time commitment and dedication. We endeavour to inform children and young people, and their families / carers well in advance about what time commitment will be expected. We reserve the right to make changes to proposed projects and schedules, and will give as much notice as possible.

Dress Code

Children and young people should wear comfortable clothing appropriate for movement – for example t-shirts, tracksuits, jogging bottoms, leggings, socks.

No school uniforms please. This is so that school logos do not appear in any publicity / film / photographic material we may make, but also so that uniforms stay clean and undamaged.

Refreshments and Food

Dance and movement activity is energy consuming, and so we provide some light snacks and refreshments before each weekly session, and lunches during holiday intensives. Snacks and refreshments during the weekly sessions do not replace meals, and it is parents / carers

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responsibility to ensure their child has eaten sufficiently to sustain their energy before arriving to each session.

Snacks and refreshments are for all members of the Youth Academy, and may be limited or stopped.

Parents / carers must ensure we know about any food allergies or intolerances.

Chaperoned Transport

We may be able to offer limited chaperoned transport to and from the studio, or place of rehearsal and performance, where it may otherwise not be possible for a young person to participate. Chaperoned transport is strictly limited, and dependent on staff capacity and availability, and will be organised on an individual case by case basis.

If you think you may require chaperoned transport for your child, please contact us to discuss options at the earliest possible opportunity.

We reserve the right to withdraw chaperoned transport at any time.

Code of Conduct

While being encouraged to be free and creative during sessions, participants will also be expected to listen and follow instructions for their safety, and for the artistic integrity of each project. If at any point a participant behaves in an unsafe way for themselves or anyone else in the company, we may ask them to leave the balletLORENT Youth Academy.

We will not tolerate bullying or harassment of any kind. Any child or young person found to be causing distress or upset to others will be spoken to, their families / carers informed and may be asked to leave the balletLORENT Youth Academy. Any reports of bullying or harassment should be made to a member of the balletLORENT team as soon as possible.

All balletLORENT staff working directly with the children and young people are DBS checked, and we have a full safeguarding policy available on our website or by request.

Membership Reviews

We are pleased to offer the balletLORENT Youth Academy programme at a subsidised rate to all participants, as we are passionate that high quality dance and creative opportunities should be available to children and young people no matter their background. To ensure we are delivering the best work for our participants, and that they are benefitting and growing as artists and creative young people, we will review membership periodically. When reviewing membership, we will take into consideration the above criteria and terms of membership.

The balletLORENT Youth Academy is a programme that we are extremely proud of and excited by. To ensure the best possible outcomes for all participants, and the company, we must ensure that all the young people and the families / carers feel equally as excited, invested and committed as we are.

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