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There has been a lot of “coverage” recently regarding information directed to our dance business. Along with our corporate members we stress the importance of following official Government and local authority guidance only. It is important to recognise that different areas of the country are administered by different rules and polices, so not every area will be the same.

Along with other dance and performing art bodies, the BDC have been directing many letters to these official departments. The Government has set up a new taskforce, the DCMS – the Department Culture, Media and Sport. This body will set and administer the official guidance.

We have received mail back from the DCMS and a section is quoted below -

Quote - “I want to reassure you that there will be guidance published for the performing arts and dance sector. We are aware that the sector is extremely keen to see this and we are doing everything we can to get this published as soon as possible. We are working closely with the Entertainment and Events working group to ensure this guidance reflects the needs of the sector”. – End of Quote

The DCMS are aware of our different genres of dance and its requirements, the make up of each sector, solo, couples, teams, creating issues with social distancing.

Quote – “In the meantime, I have taken the liberty of adding you to the contact list to receive our weekly bulletin with updates on guidance across government that are relevant to the sector. We hope to contact you soon about consulting on the guidance itself”. – End of Quote

The British Dance Council, along with the corporate members of the BDC are working for all teachers, dancers, and those that love the world of dance. Once we have more information we will of course share this with you.

Keep well, keep safe and we will keep dancing.