

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

**RE: TGBDO & Dance Live, Rehearsal Schedule, Costume, Transport, T-shirts and Hoodies and Tickets**

I would like to update you with further information regarding The Great Big Dance Off for KS2 & KS3 and Dance Live for KS3. Rehearsals are underway in preparation for the competitions and both teams have been working extremely hard. As you can appreciate, time is now of the essence as both competitions are fast approaching! Below you will find detailed information regarding both competitions. This will include, important rehearsals which all participants must attend, costume, transport, itinerary, tickets and merchandise.

**Rehearsal Schedule**

TEAM	REHEARSAL DAY	Additional information
KS3	<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> - Half day rehearsal during the school day from – <b>8:50 - 10:35 KS3 – L1 &amp; 2</b>	Pupils will need to bring their PE kit in with them for this rehearsal.
	<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> - Half day rehearsal before half term for both competitions - <b>11:05 – 13:05 KS3 L3 &amp; L4</b>	Pupils will need to bring their PE kit in with them for this rehearsal.
	<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> – Dress rehearsal <b>11:05 – 13:05 KS3</b>	Pupils will need to bring in their base layers and footwear listed below. Photographs may be taken on the day.
	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Feb</b> – <b>The Great Big Dance Off Competition in Bath – 10am – 10:00 pm</b>	Pupils will need to be registered at 9:30am in preparation for our departure from school at 10am. We will expect to return to school at approximately 10:30pm. Pupils will need to have all of their costume, food and drink and hair and makeup accessories listed below.
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> March</b> – <b>Dress Rehearsal and Dance Live Show KS3 only at the Poole Lighthouse</b>	Pupils will need to be registered and will have a dress rehearsal before they depart at 11:30am to the Poole Lighthouse via coach. Pupils will need to have all of their costume, food and drink and hair and makeup accessories listed below. Pupils will need to be collected at approximately 10:15 pm from Poole Lighthouse.
KS2	<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> Jan</b> - We have a half day rehearsal in the hall – <b>11:05 – 13:05 KS2 L3&amp;4</b>	Pupils will need to bring their PE kit in with them for this rehearsal.

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### Costume KS2 & KS3 Items

All pupils will need to have the following items ready for our dress rehearsal. In order to make the costume process as simple as possible, we are asking parents / carers to provide a ‘base’ layer that can then be adapted, altered and transformed! **Please can children bring the requested items in a named plastic bag.**

- black dance / gymnastic shorts (ideally tight to the leg) please see image:
- black vest top
- black under wear (pants / boxers & bra / crop top)
- Black Jazz / gymnastic shoes (see picture). These can also be purchased from Decathlon and other stores. If pupils can start to bring these in for rehearsals, it would really help.



- Please could you pack the following items – hairbrush & two hairbands.
- foundation with a sponge
- blusher and mascara
- red lipstick
- named coat hanger / bag

### Food

Both competitions will be long and exciting days, we will be up against another large number of exceptional schools in both heats. We need to ensure that the pupils stay energised and hydrated. Please can all children ensure they bring with them; lunch, snacks, dinner and plenty of water. There will not be a facility to heat food, so please do not provide your child with a meal which requires heating. They may also like to bring their own baby wipes to take off any make up on the trip home.

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### **Devices / valuables**

Please do not send pupils with any devices or valuables. Phones are permitted, but they will be kept in a phone box with a member of staff.

### **Tickets**

**All tickets can now be purchased for the below competitions. Please remember that KS2 will only be entering into The Great Big Dance Off. KS3 will be competing in both.**

Tickets for The Great Big Dance Off KS2 & KS3 - <https://bathboxoffice.org.uk/whats-on/great-big-dance-off-2023/>

Tickets for The Great Big Dance Off Tickets for Dance Live 2<sup>nd</sup> March – KS3 can be purchased here: [Dance Live! - Lighthouse \(lighthousepoole.co.uk\)](https://www.dancelive.co.uk/)

### **Photos and Filming**

As mentioned previously, photos and filming will be taken on the day of the pupils' live performances, rehearsals etc. These will be made available to us following the event. Further information will be sent out regarding this once we have received the material. We may also publish our journey within the competitions on the school website and social media.

### **Permission form**

Please can all parents / carers complete the permissions form using the link below for pupils attending the competitions by **31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023**. Failure to do so may result in your child being unable to attend the event.

<https://forms.office.com/e/amUAVNmikK>

### **Coach**

#### **TGBDO KS2 & KS3 - 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023:**

**Pupils will need to attend school in their PE kit on the 27<sup>th</sup> February** and we will be leaving school via coach around 9:45 am.

Please can all pupils arrive at BMS for the start of the school day with all of their belongings including their snacks, lunch, dinner (we will not have provision to heat food), drinks (not fizzy or energy drinks), costume, dance shoes and hair and make-up accessories. Pupils will then depart by coach from Bath Forum around 8pm and head back to BMS for around 10:30pm. Children will need to be collected from the BMS car park.

If you have bought a ticket to watch the performance and would like your child to travel home with you, you are welcome to sign your child out from a BMS teacher after the competition has finished. Please can you notify us on the attached for if your child will need a return trip home or if they will be traveling home with a parent. After the performance we will return home via coach and children will be required to be collected from Broadstone Middle School. We anticipate this time to be approximately 10:30pm.

**We are pleased to announce that there will not be any transport costs for this event, due to the successful fundraising of the 5k Fun Run**

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**Dance Live KS3 – 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023**

**Pupils will need to attend school in their PE kit on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March** and we will be leaving school via coach around 11:30 am.

Please can all pupils arrive at BMS for the start of the school day with all of their belongings including their snacks, lunch, dinner (we will not have provision to heat food), drinks (not fizzy or energy drinks), costume, dance shoes and hair and make-up accessories. Pupils will be required to be collected from the Poole Light House following the performance around 10:30pm.

**Merchandise**

The Great Big Dance Off and Dance Live will be selling their merchandise on the day of the competitions. If you would like you or your child to purchase any merchandise as souvenirs (like t-shirts) on the day then they are welcome to. I do know that TGBDO will be selling T-shirts for £10 each.

Lastly, I would just like to thank everyone for their continued support to enable these opportunities to take place. Our pupils are winners in our eyes no matter what the results are on the day, please do join me to continue encourage their positivity and hard work and wish them luck for both events. If you are watching the performance, please do cheer and clap VERY LOUDLY! These are incredible experiences which will give them memories for life!

Yours Sincerely,



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