

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR S.E.N.D. & INCLUSIVE CLASSES



Do I need to attend the class with my child?

No, we have support workers in our Inclusive classes to provide pastoral care and supporting your child's engagement in the activities. This then allows for parent/carer to have some time to themselves. Please let us know how we can best support your child, any likes or dislikes, so that they can have their best experience and settle quickly with us.

Do I need to stay in the building during the class?

You are welcome to stay in the building and use the cafe and would encourage this for at least the first week. If you are leaving the building please be sure to provide an emergency contact number when booking in case we need to reach you during this time. You will be required to stay in the building should personal care be required in this time. Garage staff cannot provide personal care.

What will they be doing in the class?

You can choose between dance, theatre and music. The classes are flexible to individual needs, whilst ensuring they are learning new skills and developing their own area of interest. We help grow social skills and confidence, and celebrate individuality. Further examples of any class content can be provided on request.

How do I book?

You can book online, by telephone or in person. We will ask you for contact information, your child's DOB, information about medical needs, media release and whether we can carry out first aid should it ever be required. You will also have the opportunity to tell us how we can best support your child.

How does payment work?

We accept payments for each 10 or 12 week term. We can discuss payment options with you if paying up front for a term is difficult. If you are entitled to funding which covers the cost of this activity, then we can send you an invoice. We offer bursaries to help cover the cost of classes - if you want to apply, there is just a simple form to complete, not means-tested - we just ask that you be as honest and detailed as possible on how a contribution to the cost could support your child to attend. The Garage is a charity and we fundraise to cover the costs of these bursaries.

My child isn't old enough/I am an adult wanting to attend?

From Easter 2024 we will be offering regular holiday activity for younger children and those aged 18+. We are working on expanding the number of classes we run and the age groups we work with. Do join us for holiday class - once we have a successful run of holiday provision we can begin term time expansion of our Inclusive programme. Please register your interest in attending holiday workshops - hannah.bullent@thegarage.org.uk

Will there be a performance opportunity?

It is down to individuals as to whether or not they want to take part in a performance, but there will be an opportunity to perform in the spring term.

How do we join the companies? (D4Drama, D4Dance & Inclusive Music)

These are invitation only. Our SEND & Inclusive performance companies are for those aged 18+ who have been attending classes with us for a while and are invited to progress to company level.

We started with just D4Dance, the adult dance company. Over the years we have expanded our SEND & Inclusive companies to incorporate each strand of the performing arts: dance, drama and music.