



# The Mark of Quality Teaching

As a parent, how do you know that your children are being taught well, and in a safe environment? We've put together a helpful checklist of things to consider when choosing your online class provider.

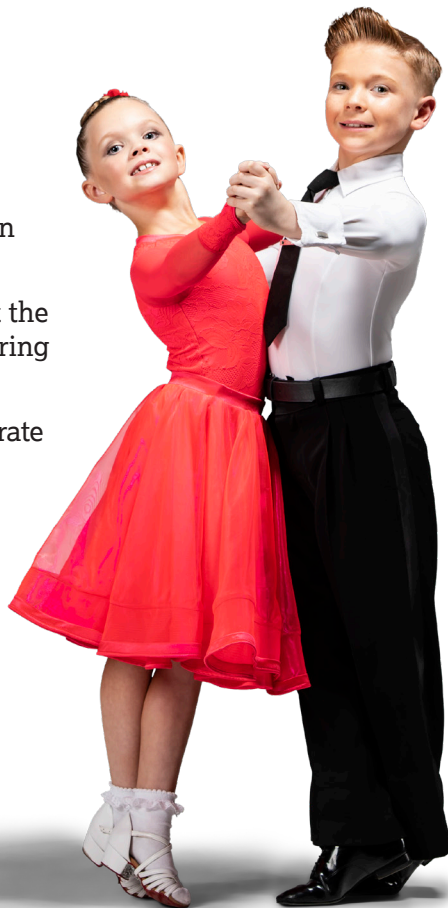
## What to look for in a Qualified Teacher

- The teacher should have completed an initial teaching qualification with a validated teaching society. The **ISTD** is validated by **CDMT** ([www.cdmf.org.uk](http://www.cdmf.org.uk)) and regulated by **Ofqual** ([www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofqual](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ofqual))
- A qualified teacher with an established business should take the time and care to have a brief chat with you to find out about your child.
- You should be advised as to the right class for your child's ability, needs and interests.
- The teacher should know who is in their class reviewing any potential newcomers.

## Why is a qualified teacher important?

- You can be assured that a qualified teacher is a safe choice and has an understanding of the needs and abilities of the children they teach.
- A qualified teacher will have met the professional standards for delivering a class to children.
- A qualified teacher will demonstrate knowledge of their legal responsibilities and will have their policies displayed on their website.

**“You make progress with an ISTD qualified dance teacher”**



## Look for a safe online environment

- The online class should not be open to the general public, but available only to those who have signed up to the class via a private link through the qualified teacher.
- There should be a waiting room so that the teacher has control of who is allowed into the class.
- The teacher should 'lock' the virtual class so that no other participants can join after it has started.
- The private chat should be disabled, and the class should be for dancing only.

**“The mark of a good class – safe and engaging creative content”**

## Look for high quality delivery

- There should be a controlled number of class participants, with no more than 20.
- The class should have a warm-up and cool-down and regular reminders about working safely in the space.
- The language used within the class should be encouraging and inspiring.
- The class should enable your child to engage with the learning of dance and have fun creatively and safely.