

Re: Y4 Dance Festival 1/12/2026

21st October 2026

Dear Y4 Parents/Carers,

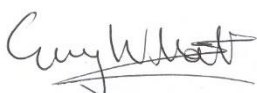
It is with regret that we are writing to inform you that we have decided not to participate in the Y4 Dance Festival at Cannon Medical Arena, Attercliffe on Tuesday 1st December 2026.

We were really keen to take part again this year, as for the previous two years this has been a great event that the children have really enjoyed being part of. For 2026, the venue has changed from The Crucible to the Cannon Medical Arena in Attercliffe, this change of venue has impacted hugely on the cost of the event. Previously we took children on the bus to town, this year we costed for a coach to take us to the venue (approximately £800), this alone would be approximately £8.80/child. We have also had to pay for the choreographers to deliver the lessons building up to the event and, just today, have found out that the audience would need to purchase tickets. This would push the total cost per pupil up to just under £20.00. This is also before we explored the possibility of a coach to bring us back to school!

We were intending to take the children to the venue for the afternoon and again, at late notice, found out that we were expected at the venue by 9.30am – this too would incur additional costs as we would need to take extra staff for a whole day event rather than just an afternoon. We simply do not feel that this is any longer good value for money.

We understand that the children (and adults too) will be disappointed by this news. We are looking into the possibility of continuing to learn the dances with the choreographers from DancedazeUK and then putting on a showcase of their work before the end of this term. We hope to be in touch soon to confirm the new plan.

Thank you in advance for your understanding,



Guy Willatt
Deputy Head