

FUNDING & FEES LOWDOWN 2024-25

The Swindon Dance Centre for Advanced Training (CAT) is funded by the Department for Education's innovative Music and Dance Scheme. This scheme has been rocking for quite some time, giving passionate dancers the chance to move on the dance floor whilst still being able to hit the books at school.

Q1

Will the grant cover the fees entirely?

Parents will not have to contribute to fees if the total family income before tax is £32,728 or less (after deducting £2,264 for any dependent children including the grant applicant) in the tax year ending 5th April 2024.

see figure 1

Q2

What is the cost per year?

The cost for a full year (6 terms) is £4,032 however, because the pilot programme is initially for 2 terms, the cost will be £1,344. This fee will be either a combined DfE grant and parental contribution, full DfE grant with no parental contribution OR full parental contribution with no DfE grant. Fees can be paid in instalments.

Q3

How do I qualify for a grant?

In order to qualify for a DfE grant, students should:

- Be successful at CAT audition;
- Be between 11 & 15 years during the year of entry onto the CAT;
- Be in full-time education/home educated;
- Have been a resident in the British Isle for a minimum of 3 consecutive years

Q4

What is "relevant income"?

Relevant income determines a student's grant eligibility. It includes both parents' and dependent children's income with necessary adjustments. Deductions consist of an allowance of £2,264 for each financially dependent child in the household and any covenant paid by a parent to a dependent child before March 15, 1988

Q5

What income is considered?

Income declarations pertain to the financial year preceding CAT entry, like April 6, 2023, to April 5, 2024, for November 2024 entry. The definitions of income align with HM Inspector of Taxes, requiring parents to declare gross income before tax from all sources. Non-taxable social security benefits are excluded. If your income is expected to notably change from the previous year, contact us to explore alternative grant eligibility assessment

figure 1

RELEVANT INCOME	AMOUNT OF GRANT	PARENTAL FEE CONTRIBUTION
Up to £32,728	£4,032	NIL
£32,728.01 to £37,093	£3,646	£386
£37,093.01 to £41,457	£3,262	£770
£41,457.01 to £45,877	£2,853	£1,179
£45,877.01 to £50,185	£2,479	£1,553
£50,185.01 to £54,548	£2,101	£1,931
£54,548.01 to £59,386	£1,729	£2,303
£59,386.01 to £63,278	£1,344	£2,688
£63,278.01 to £67,642	£961	£3,071
£67,642.01 to £72,003	£577	£3,455
£72,003.01 or more	NIL	£4,032