

# **INFORMATION PACK**

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## A BIT ABOUT US

I have been a teacher of dance and drama for more years than I care to remember. I am married with four children; two at primary school and two teenagers. I have taught GCSE dance at both The Eastwood High School and at The Fitzwimarc Schools and A level Performing Arts at Seec. In 1996 I founded the highly successful Eastwood Dance Company (CODE) based at Eastwood High School and during this time was privileged to work with many Special schools in the area.

On 13<sup>th</sup> April 2004 I launched **The Mushroom Theatre Company** based at Lubards Farm in Rayleigh.

We all know the pressures our children are under nowadays with exams, Test's, Sats, GCSE's, and homework. I know from experience how an outlet in Performing Arts can be a life changing experience for Adults and children alike. At MTC we aim to offer a non-pressurised environment for students to grow and develop their own creativity through free expression and above all fun! We work towards performance, but this is optional as are any examinations.

Contrary to popular belief Performing Arts are a great outlet for the kind of energy that boys need to use up and therefore boys are especially welcome at Mushroom.

We also extend a warm welcome to students with special needs and are very keen to integrate all students- all our facilities are wheelchair accessible. However, if you would prefer that your child attend a dedicated special needs class, these they are available too.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The Mushroom Theatre Company aims to promote and encourage each student to achieve their full potential, in a totally inclusive, safe and happy environment. To build self-esteem and thoughtfulness to our World and those around us.

## LOOKING FORWARD

We are currently in the middle of applying for charitable status for our sister organisation: **EQUAL PEOPLE PA**. The objects of this company are as follows:

### 2. OBJECTS

To promote the inclusion of children, young people and adults with special needs into the Performing Arts;

To provide a safe place for disadvantaged children and young people to participate in Performing Arts;

To allow all children, young people and adults a place to explore and grow through the Performing Arts;

To build or alter an existing building to provide a totally accessible performance and learning environment;

To provide fully integrated vocational courses in Performing Arts for post 16 students;

To deliver courses to help and encourage social development for disadvantaged young people and adults;

To house a Performing Arts School;

To deliver mainstream and special needs drama qualifications for all key stages;

To form a disabled and non-disabled performance group to tour local schools and colleges providing issue based workshops;

To deliver a variety of classes, workshops and courses to promote health and well being to all members of society and promote health and wellbeing in the community.

Obviously this is a long term project and will require us to raise a great deal of funds.