

Guidance for Parents of Minors: oKay Kpop Society

We define a minor as someone under the age of 18.

Who we are

oKay Kpop is the Kpop society of the University of Oxford. We are a student-led society that hosts weekly dance classes and socials during the three Oxford terms (Michaelmas, Hilary, and Trinity). We have also hosted dance classes during the summer vacation in the past (starting 2025). Similar to many Oxford societies, we welcome attendees who are Oxford University students and Oxford Brookes Students (both undergraduate and postgraduate), and members of the public.

Socials: held weekly, often on a Tuesday. They are either held in a public space (such as local cafes) or in buildings owned by the University of Oxford or Oxford Brookes University. We occasionally host paid events such as karaoke and ice skating, which are held in these respective businesses. We host a range of activities such as craft making, k-drama nights, and quizzes.

Dance classes: held weekly, often on a Saturday and sometimes a Thursday (depending on availability). Dance classes are taught by a member of our dance team. Dance teachers are often current students of Oxford University, but they may also be alumni who remain on the dance team. We often host dance classes inside buildings owned by the University of Oxford, although some classes are held outside Blavatnik School of Government (a public space outside one of the departments of the University of Oxford).

Please consider:

- We are a student-led, currently non-registered society. The society is non-profit and operates due to the work carried out by the committee and our dance team members.
- While we welcome students and non-students, our socials and dance classes are primarily planned and focused towards university students and similar demographics. This means that we do not take minors (under 16s especially) into consideration when planning any of our events.
- Profane language may be used and adult themes may be discussed by other attendees of our events. We are unable to ask our members to refrain from this.
- As the society is currently unregistered (our application is pending), none of our committee members have undergone the University-required safeguarding training. We currently have a welfare officer, but training is not required for this role.
- Our dance classes are often filmed and posted on our Instagram once a dance has been learned and practiced. We also post the video in our WhatsApp chat for our members to watch/save.
- All of our dance classes are paid events. This means that anyone attending must be able to pay for them in cash or by card.
- Our events officer and dance teachers may be uncomfortable having a minor present at a social or dance class they are leading. Therefore, we must outline that permission may not always be granted for your child to attend. If they attend unannounced and have no form of written consent then we may ask them to leave.
- Permission for your child to attend is not continuous for dance classes or socials. We must have consent for each individual activity, especially given that dance classes often have different teachers each week.
- Once our registration is confirmed, we may have to create new guidelines for young people wanting to attend our events. This could mean a temporary ban on under 16s or 18s attending our events until a member of our committee has completed the necessary safeguarding training, or a more permanent ban for non-students who are under 18 in accordance with the University's guidelines.

- We work with and promote Kpop Soju Night, an 18+ Kpop Club Night in Oxford. Their events may be mentioned at our socials or dance classes.

If you would like your child to attend...

- We require an **acknowledgement that this document has been read in full** and that consent is given for your child to attend one of our dance classes or socials. This must be given to us in the form of an e-signature or a written statement that is presented to the activity lead.
- We require the **name of a parent/guardian and an emergency contact number** to be handed to our welfare officer. This can be electronically, or in writing and handed in at one of our dance classes or socials.
- We require **under 18s to have additional consent if they would like to be in the dance class video**. If you do not wish for them to be in the video, they will sit out during filming. Others at the classes also sit out if they do not wish to be filmed, so your child would not be the only one sitting out.

Other kpop dance classes and events that accept under 16s/18s in Oxford=

Kpop dance class at the Old Fire Station on Saturday evenings, paid and must be booked prior, ages 11+ = <https://oldfirestation.org.uk/classes/k-pop-dance-class/> or <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/k-pop-dance-classes-in-oxford-tickets-850002409087>

Kpop Superstars event happening this year, all ages but under 18s must be accompanied by an adult=
<https://www.gigantic.com/k-pop-superstars-tickets/oxford-the-bullingdon/2026-06-21-15-00>