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Making Movement Matter!



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Company Information

Our History

Thank you for your interest in the **Dinky Dancers**, **Boogaloo Boogie** and **Motion Commotion** programmes which are three of the Active Creative Ltd products.

Active Creative Ltd (the company which created the Dinky Dancers, Boogaloo Boogie and the Motion Commotion Programmes) was established in 2002, providing children aged 2 – 14 years of age with an experience that truly develops physical skills, captures imagination, enhances musicality and is of the highest quality.

Lorry Slater, founder of Active Creative Ltd, wanted physical, imaginative, movement based programmes available in all child centred settings, in order to encourage children to be active and generate a life-long love of movement and sport. With a professional background in Physical Education, Performing Arts and Special Educational Needs, Lorry developed imaginative, movement and P.E based schemes of work taking Active Creative Ltd to become a leading and award winning physical activity provider for young children in an exciting range of sports, health, community and educational settings.



The Head Office Team

Our head office team brings a vast amount of experience and expertise to all our activity programmes. Curriculum development, early- years' and National Curriculum specialists, teachers, child psychologist, business development and systems managers combine to form a team that will be available to support schools, community leaders, health managers and sports co-ordinators in implementing Dinky Dancers, Boogaloo Boogie and Motion Commotion in individual settings. All head office staff are trained and have great depth of experience in working with our 'partners'. This experience coupled with individual areas of expertise enable us to provide you with first class support and guidance.

Developing a life-long passion for health. fitness. dance. P.E and music



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About our Programmes

Dinky Dancers, **Boogaloo Boogie** and **Motion Commotion** are tried and tested, physical and creative movement based programmes that will stimulate, inspire and motivate all children regardless of their gender, background or ability.

Children are encouraged to work together to develop skills such as spatial and physical awareness, musicality and teamwork.

DD, BB and MC classes are themed, multi-sensory, progressive sessions aimed at children working through the EYFS, KS1 and KS2. It provides the opportunity for boys and girls to enjoy a carefully researched programme of dance, movement, music and P.E activities.

Our aim has always been to use physical and creative activity to build confidence, develop co-ordination and physical awareness, inspire musicality and support the educational learning goals of the age group, using concepts such as space, rhythm, hand and eye co-ordination, balance and dynamics.

Active Creative will provide children with stepping-stones for creative and physical development, nurturing a passion for movement and healthy living.



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How, When and where do classes run?

All Active Creative programmes are designed to be adapted to suit the varying needs of individual schools, centres and community venues. School and Centre based classes can be run as;

- *Independent or All-together* (parent participation) classes
- Lunch-time and After School Clubs
- In-curricular regular weekly or termly block sessions *
- One-off themed Workshops*
- Special Events

* (supporting PPA cover where necessary and complimenting Curricular theme development)

We offer suggested payment methods for classes (refer to *Cost and Payment Options* attached) but understand the financial needs of each venue vary. We are always happy to discuss payment options and will endeavour to accommodate specific needs where possible.

The Dinky Dancers' Programme

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What do we offer?

Dinky Dancers offers a 2 year developmental programme for boys and girls aged 'rising' 2-4 years.

Our lessons follow a unique, child friendly structure, encouraging creative development through a range of teacher led activities - dance, movement, action, music and singing experiences aim to develop every child physically, musically and socially at their own pace.

A combination of warm up, character dances, themed movement training, action songs, instruments and P.E games and multi sensory equipment activities, encourage children to have fun with physical activity and to engage in thematic learning.

Bean bags, balls, feathers, ribbons, hoops, parachute and imagination, develop children's physical skills.

Pre-school concepts such as Amazing Animals, Nimble Numbers, Wonderful Weather, and Boogie Bodies are teamed with much-loved characters including: Tweenies, Postman Pat, Balamory and Winnie the Pooh creating exciting, lively and imaginative classes.

Our success is built upon our unique programme which has been written by specialists who understand pre-school children, creative movement, physical education and music . Our range of activities encourage '*effective learning*,' complimenting both the Prime and Specific areas of Learning and Development specific to the Early Years Foundation Stage 2012 Statutory Framework.

Who offers the classes?

Highly trained leaders will guide children through fun, progressive, themed classes, which are supported each half term by a series of certificates outlining the adventure each child has experienced class. Our teachers aim to provide a safe, friendly and supportive environment in which the children can contribute verbally, physically, emotionally and socially at their own pace.

Why choose Dinky Dancers?

Dinky Dancers provides children with stepping-stones to creative and physical development nurturing a passion for physical activity and healthy living.

Our programme is recommended by Early Years advisers, health visitors, musicians, dancers and sports professionals, as a great way of introducing children to a lifelong enjoyment of creative and physical activity.

Our success is built upon our programme written by specialists who understand pre-school children, creative movement, physical education and music.

The essential ingredients of highly trained Dinky Dancers staff coupled with the unique, exciting programme make Dinky Dancers a truly magical place to be.

Our classes are hugely popular, they are fun, they are different and they sparkle. Children start a new physical journey each week, led by teachers who really love what they do and who want to inspire the children in their classes.

'We are very pleased to be able to offer Dinky Dancers in all it's forms and extremely proud that it is a

Dinky Dancers Programme Options

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Dinky Dancers *All together*

Dinky Dancers *All Together* is a fantastic opportunity for parents and children to participate together in our fun packed, creative, physical classes, potentially over a two-year period. These classes normally attract up to 18 children for 40 minutes per week and are generally held in **Children's Centres, Community Halls, Church Halls and Public Spaces**. Some venues can operate 3 classes per morning or 2 classes in the afternoon period. Children are booked on for a term and are given the option of re-booking at the end of the term.

Dinky Dancers *Independent*

We operate an extremely successful programme known as Dinky Dancers Independent. This programme allows children aged 2 to 5 years old to participate in our much loved, tried and tested programme without the need of adult participation. Whilst we believe passionately in the value of parental involvement in early years development, our programme holds great value for children where parents simply cannot be present. We created Dinky Dancers Independent as we believe, know and understand its value to the emotional, physical and creative growth of young children. Dinky Dancers Independent is designed with early years day service providers, **Day Nurseries, Pre-schools and Health Clubs**, in mind.

Parties

Active Creative Ltd specialise in fun, traditional parties. Dinky Dancers Parties are movement-based parties that are individually designed to reflect the child's age and interests. A fantastic mixture of physical games, dance, singing and P.E activities ensure that the child has an "all singing, all dancing" action packed party.

Training Other Professionals

We offer training to professionals in all sorts of 'fields'. We run courses in Creative theme based planning for Childminders, Health Care, Day Care Providers, Schools, Community Services and Health and Fitness sectors focusing on developing and understanding the components of both our Pre-school and Primary aged physical programmes.

Dinky Dancers - All together, is also a popular option for Health Clubs and Sports Centres. These classes involve parental participation and operate in the same way as our community classes. Both children and adults enjoy the Dinky Dancers' programme together.

Meeting the needs of your Early Years' Centre

Active Creative Ltd offer all these children's service providers, our full range of programmes with the opportunity to tailor make the classes to suit the needs of the centre. We offer one-off sessions or on-going weekly, fortnightly, or monthly classes taught by our specially trained Active Creative Ltd staff, in addition to training 'in house' staff to operate their own Dinky Dancers classes on site if preferred.

A variety of payment options are available as we strive to provide classes to suit any budget.



Organisational Requirements

- All Active Creative classes will be planned and presented by Active creative Ltd. staff.
- The two year, 'rolling' programme will delivered to children by trained Active Creative Ltd. class leaders whose performance will be monitored and assessed by the Active Creative Ltd. management team.
- Sessions are normally for one hour, usually divided into two, thirty-minute classes in order to accommodate the maximum number of children as cost effectively as possible for the centre.
- Active Creative Ltd. offers a flexible approach to meet specific requirements of individual schools and Centres. Class numbers, times and frequency can be tailored to suit the specific demands of each centre, school or facility.
- The maximum number of children in each class is normally twelve, however this is dependant on the space available and the individual circumstances of each setting.
- The space where children are to take part in Dinky Dancers' / Boogaloo Boogie' classes must be safe and clear of obstructions.
- Active Creative Ltd. will provide all schemes of work, lesson plans, staff liaison and highly skilled and experienced class leaders.
- Active Creative Ltd. is fully insured with Public Liability Insurance.
- The Active Creative Ltd. team is always available for discussion and support throughout the year.

We already run music and dance sessions. How are you different?

We are not only a music company, we are not just a dance company, we are not purely P.E specialists, we are a true and unique mix. This does not compromise quality of any of the elements because as a multi-disciplinary team we have worked together to produce an outstanding programme that responds to schools, private childcare provision, health and community requirements and we are committed to developing our programme as childcare 'needs' and Government guidelines change.

We also offer the opportunity for children to consolidate and extend many of the themes explored in 'in house' sessions, through our curriculum based, specialist activities, which develop children creatively, socially, physically and musically. Building these skills through Active Creative's classes ensures children have a truly comprehensive and imaginative, creative experience which is second to none.

How will our centre benefit from Active Creative Ltd?

Linking with the leading provider of this type of activity ensures quality and consistency. Research shows that participation in creative movement and music at a young age develops the brain enhancing learning throughout the curriculum and the Active Creative programmes will complement the each centre's provision for children. Dinky Dancers also provides value added service to every Centre.

Our promise is to:

.Fulfil your Centres' needs .Fulfil the children's developmental needs .Satisfy parents at the highest level

What will it cost us?

Active Creative Ltd operates a variety of payment options, which enable all Centres access to our Dance, P.E, Music and Action programme. Some centres decide to pay from their own budget, other ask that parents pay for part or the whole cost of the sessions. I am happy to send you a copy of our Cost and Payment Options and if the options don't meet with your needs, we will always be happy to discuss individual requirements.

Do you have any information I can give to parents?

Yes. If you decide to bring Active Creative into your Centre we will provide a range of posters, leaflets, booking forms including information for parents.

How will the parents know what you are doing in class?

Aside from speaking to their children about their day and the classes, we run a certificate scheme for Dinky Dancers, which celebrates and acknowledges the children's achievement as they progress through the programme. Based on each half term's theme, they are a wonderful record for the children and parents alike. There are 12 to collect in total over a two-year period!

What age groups do you teach?

Our classes are designed for children aged 2-12 years and our class activities have been developed to match the learning goals and skill ability of the children in this age range. Our teachers are able to differentiate lesson material to suit individual children within a group setting.

We don't have any money in our budget to pay for external classes?

One of our payment options is for parents to pay for the cost of the classes. If you feel this might be a possibility then I would be happy to send you a copy of our Cost and Payment Options.

Testimonials

The classes combine all the elements of physical activity, social interaction, positive learning, creativity and imagination that help foster a healthy child but most of all they are fun. Well Done Dinky Dancers!

Dr Amanda Gummer (Fundamentals) - Specialist in Child Development and Family Dynamics.

Energy, enthusiasm and all round fantastic classes. Both my children really enjoyed Dinky Dancers and they are



- For further information about all programmes in our ACTIVE CREATIVE range
- To discuss how we can work with your centre
 - Arrange a free demonstration class

CONTACT US NOW!

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Active Creative Ltd. operates a variety of payment options, helping all Pre-school, Nurseries, Children's Centre's, Sports Facilities, Clubs and Primary Schools access our **Dinky Dancers** and **Boogaloo Boogie** and **Motion Commotion** - Dance, P.E, Music and Action programmes.

OPTION 1 DIRECT INVOICE

Hourly fee - £40, 45 min class - £30, 30 min class - £20

(E.g. 1hr would suit 2 small 30min class, 45min 1 large group, 30min for 1 small group)

- The Dinky Dancers' / Boogaloo Boogie' / Motion Commotion' programme is provided for the children as consolidation and extension of their nursery/school curriculum.
- The Nursery, Centre or school pays an hourly rate for the classes on receipt of invoice.
- Active Creative Ltd. will invoice the nursery at the end of each half term.
- Class numbers and length to be negotiated depending on group size and venue requirements.

This is the preferred option by the majority of facilities wanting to provide an enhanced curriculum programme that all children can access. It requires minimal administration and offers clearly visible service benefits to parents.

OPTION 2 SHARED COST

Hourly fee - £40, 45 min class - £30, 30 min class - £20

(E.g. 1hr would suit 2 small 30min class, 45min 1 large group, 30min for 1 small group)

- Weekly cost of the session is shared between the centre and parents. The division of cost is at the discretion of the Nursery, School or Centre.
- Parents book children on to the Dinky Dancers/Boogaloo Boogie/Motion Commotion course for the term and pay their contribution of the cost directly to the school or centre.
- The class cost is paid direct to Active Creative Ltd. by the school or centre following receipt of invoice.
- Class numbers and length to be negotiated depending on group size and venue requirements.

OPTION 3 Direct Payment from Parents

£2.50 - 3.50 per week per child

- Parents pay a weekly fee for their child to attend sessions, but must book their children onto the course for the term.
- All booking forms and payments are administrated through the Active Creative Ltd head office.
- Class numbers and length to be negotiated depending on group size and venue requirements.

If the options listed above do not meet with the needs of your venue, please let us know.
Active Creative Ltd. will always endeavour to accommodate individual requirements.