

diddi dance Class Guidelines

We would just like to point out a few things to ensure everyone gets the most out of their diddi dance class:

- **diddi dance is an interactive parent/toddler class** and your diddi one will get the most out of the classes with your valuable involvement and engagement. It is encouraged that parents and carers join in with their little ones.
- Scientific research has shown that children's hearing at this age cannot focus on foreground noise if the background level is too high. We therefore ask for your help in this matter and for the sake of all the children that **adults refrain from talking loudly in class**. This helps all the little ones to concentrate and get the most out of the classes. We also ask if you can join in on the clapping to show your child they have your attention.
- **Please intervene with any incidents or upsets** - Our teachers are there to lead the class and not get involved in such occurrences. Keeping an eye on your diddi one at all times will also ensure they maintain focus as much as possible. This would keep all the children happy, engaged and most of all safe.
- **Siblings** are more than welcome to join in on sections if there are enough props or play calmly at the sides. We must however ask that you also keep an eye on them to ensure they are not disrupting the children attending the class or getting themselves into any danger with doors or tables or interfere with the props or stereo.
- **Prompt start times** - We understand that going anywhere with children can take forever but if you can really try and arrive on time for your class this will ensure that the class isn't overrunning into the one following it and the people that do arrive on time aren't sitting around waiting for too long. It will also ensure that your child is fully involved with the class, joining late into the session can feel very intimidating and sometimes upsetting for toddlers and can also be a little disruptive to the other children already dancing.
- **Eating in class** - Whilst we understand toddlers can get hungry at all times we do ask that you refrain from feeding your child in class. Eating whilst dancing can be a choking hazard. It can also be distracting to other children in the session.

Payments

- Classes **MUST** be booked in half term blocks. This enables us to keep numbers under control and the waiting lists in line. Towards the end of the half term you will be given priority booking online to reserve you space before that half term's booking is available to the public.
- Booking is through our online system at <https://booking.diddidance.com/Class/Find>.
- For any classes running through the school holidays or over the summer please contact your local diddi dance about how to pay for these sessions.

Safeguarding

At **diddi dance** we have made it our mission to enhance children's endless enthusiasm through funky, full of fun sessions that build confidence, co-ordination and creativity. The welfare and safety of all children is paramount. In the event that a safeguarding matter arises, **diddi dance** takes full responsibility to liaise with local statutory children's services agencies, and with the Local Safeguarding Children Board (LSCB).

Accidents

Any accident that occurs at a **diddi dance** class must be recorded in an accident and medical book and signed off by the teacher, as well as the parent/carer of the child. You must record; date of accident/incident, detailed description of what happened, type and location of injury, detailed description of action taken and signature of teacher/parent/carer.

Physical Handling

If a child falls in one of our classes, the **diddi dance** teacher will correctly handle the child back to his/her feet/safety. We will never lift a child by pulling or tugging at the wrists or arms and will always:

- Lift correctly using both hands firmly placed under the arm
- Refer to or seek assistance from a parent/carer
- Refer
- to a first aid trained member of staff if at a nursery or school setting

Photography and Social Media

diddi dance permits parental use of photography at classes. However, photographs and videos of children are taken at the parents/carers own risk and responsibility. **diddi dance** does not own or have any relation to images or videos taken and used by parents/carers. We would like to remind parents not to post any images of other children online without the consent of the parent or guardian.

Any photograph or video taken for professional purposes, i.e. **diddi dance** website or social media, by **diddi dance** that include images or footage of children will not be used without parental consent. A consent form must be completed, signed, dated and filed accordingly.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and co-operation. We only ask everyone to keep to these simple requests for the sake of the children and the smooth running of the classes.