Tiny Tots Guidelines

Aldgate DANCE

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FAQs

Does a parent or guardian need to stay on site?

Yes! A parent or carer must remain on site during the entire class.
This is a child protection requirement, especially in case your child needs the bathroom—even if they usually don't, hearing someone say "toilet" can change that very quickly!

Can I be in the room when my child starts?

Yes. We completely understand that starting something new can be a big step. If your child needs you in the room for the first few weeks, that's absolutely fine!
We encourage a gentle, supportive transition towards independent participation. Our goal is for children to eventually join in confidently while parents wait in the waiting area.

Are Tiny Tots included in the end-of-year concert?
Yes - participation is optional.
Tiny Tots are welcome to perform in our end-of-year concert, though it's not compulsory.
We run two concerts on the day:
🕐 1:00 PM 🕞 3:30 PM
If your child participates, we kindly ask that they perform in both to maintain consistency for the group.
Concert info is sent out in Term 2, and costumes are ordered in Term 3.

Do you have a uniform?

No formal uniform required! Some children love to wear a full princess ballet outfit, while others are perfectly happy in comfy activewear — whatever your little dancer is comfortable in is great.
However, if your child chooses to participate in the end-of-year concert, they will need:

- Girls - Pink ballet shoes
- Boys - Black jazz shoes

These shoes are encouraged for regular class wear too.
Footwear must be worn in class — no socks or bare feet, as the floor can be slippery.
More details can be found in our Uniform Guidelines on the website.

My child is starting school mid year - should I enrol them in Tiny Tots or the Junior (Jnr) stream?

If your child is starting school in Term 3, Tiny Tots may be the best class for them. Chat to Miss Kim to see which option is the best fit for your child.

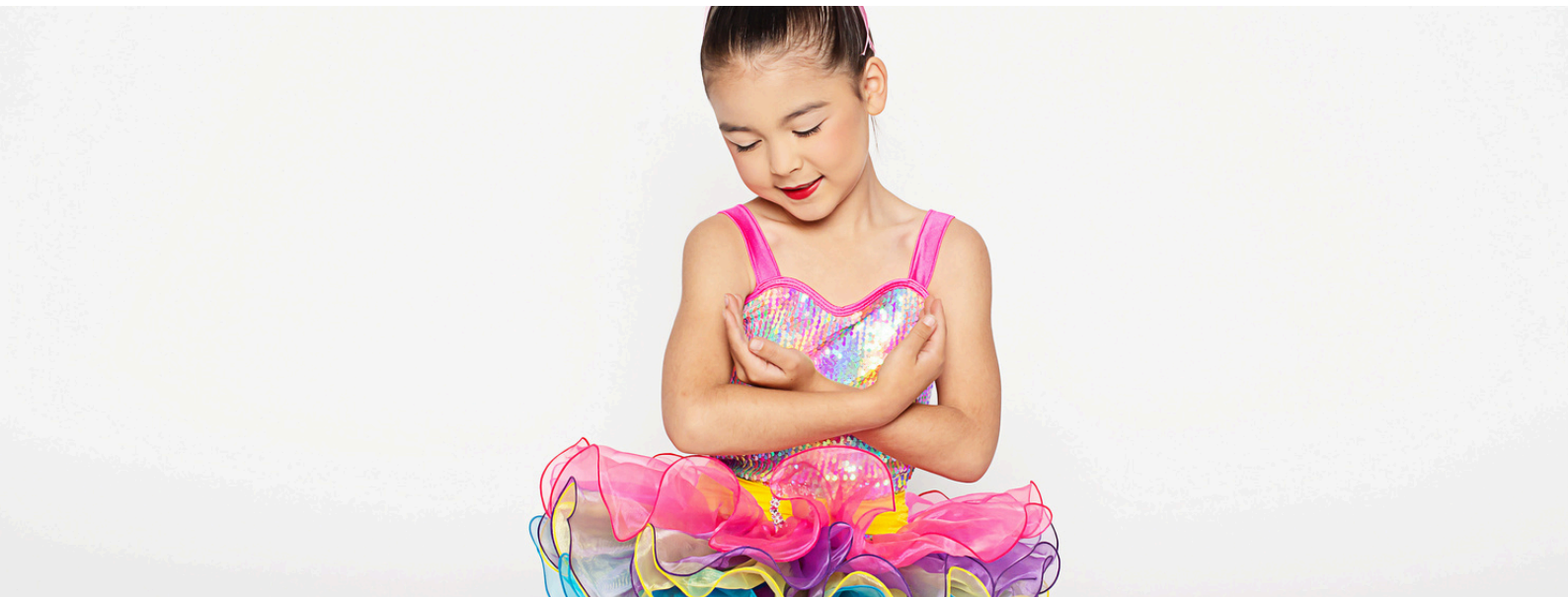
Helping classes run smoothly

✅ Do's in the Dance Space

- Support your child's transition at their own pace — some are ready to dance solo on Day 1, others may need a few months. That's completely normal!
- Feel free to join in or sit quietly to the side if your child needs you in the room.
- Chat with our instructors if your child is having trouble settling—we're always happy to work together on a plan.

💐 What Helps Our Classes Run Smoothly

- **Please keep talking to a minimum if you're inside the studio**. Even quiet conversations can be distracting for both the dancers and the teacher.
- **Avoid walking in and out of the room during class.** Movement around the space can break concentration for our little dancers.
- Siblings are welcome, but please keep them in the waiting area or seated quietly to the side. For everyone's safety, **running or crawling around the dance space isn't allowed.**

💛 A Note from Kim

Every child is unique, and our goal is to build confidence and independence while making sure they feel safe and supported. I'm so proud of the community we're creating here at Aldgate Dance — the warmth, kindness, and encouragement from our families make all the difference.
Please feel free to chat and connect in the waiting area — we truly have the best families here, and it's always lovely to see new friendships form.
Thank you for being a part of our studio. We're so happy to dance with you!