

# DANCE FOUNDATIONS PARENT HANDBOOK



## Our Philosophy

Dance Foundations is a recreational, non-profit dance program that aims to foster a love of dance and movement in children of all ages. Dance Foundation provides kids a fun and non-stressful atmosphere where they can learn to love dance. We encourage students to grow as dancers while meeting new friends, gaining coordination and learning self-discipline. Dancers will learn to express themselves creatively and gain better coordination. As a non-profit program run through the Silver Springs Community Association, we are able to keep our class sizes small and prices low.

## Dress Code

Although we do not enforce a strict dress code, we do expect children to arrive ready to move. Children should wear comfortable clothing that is not overly baggy, and proper footwear (dance shoes, clean indoor sneakers, or bare feet). Socks are NOT permitted for safety reasons. Long hair should be tied back in a ponytail or bun.

## Studio Etiquette

- Please arrive on time for class. It is disruptive for other students when a child arrives late.
- Please do not send your child with food or drinks other than a personal water bottle. No gum or candy permitted
- Please ensure you arrive on time to pick up your child.

### **Parent Viewing**

We understand that parents may wish to observe the progress their child is making in the class. Unfortunately we cannot accommodate parent viewing during class time. At the end of each session we hold a parent viewing week or informal recital, where you will have the opportunity to watch your child dance.

### **Classroom Expectations**

We do not tolerate any harassment or abuse, verbal or physical, of our instructors. If a student displays disruptive or aggressive behaviour during class time, the dance coordinator will reach out to the parent to discuss the behaviour and possible solutions. If the aggressive behaviour does not resolve, the student will be asked to discontinue in the class.

### **Communications**

Communication with parents will be primarily via email. Please ensure that you provide an up to date email at registration time, or let us know if your contact method changes. Any questions or concerns about the program or instructors should be directed to the dance coordinator at [foundationdance@silverspringscommunity.ca](mailto:foundationdance@silverspringscommunity.ca).

### **Class Cancellations**

If an instructor needs to cancel a class due to illness or unforeseen circumstances, every effort will be made to find a substitute instructor. If this is not possible, the class will be cancelled and a refund for the class will be provided. Class cancellations will be communicated via email.