



Getting the most out of Kindermusik

Kindermusik provides the opportunity to explore, sing, dance and bond with your child without the distractions or pressures of everyday life. To get complete value out of your investment in this program and make the most of your class time, please think about the following:

- **Please remove your shoes**

This helps you and your child experience total comfort, freedom and greater sensory development (touch/feel) during movement activities.

- **In the event of arriving late to class**

It is quite normal for families to be running late when organising young children! Please plan to arrive early so as not to miss the beginning of your class. If it has begun when you arrive, please enter quietly so as not to disturb the class.

- **Please leave all bags, toys, food and drink out of sight (as much as possible) so they are not distracting to other children during class**

Food and drink are to be finished before class to prevent a 'class picnic'! Sometimes every child wants what the other is eating and things can get out of hand.

- **Please switch off your mobile phone during class**

- **You are most welcome to chat to other parents before or after class, however please refrain from chatting when it may be distracting to the rest of the class or your teacher.**

- **If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to discuss them with your teacher before or after class. They will always do their best to make you and your child feel comfortable and happy in class.**

- **Use your 'At Home Materials' as much as you can.**

Kindermusik is based on the philosophy that you are the best teacher for your child, and that the home is the best learning environment. The whole program is designed to facilitate the complete development of your child through activities you do at home using your CDs, story books, activity books and instruments. Our weekly classes should only be the starting point for your child's Kindermusik experience, as the real learning and developmental benefits happen at home when you reinforce and extend our class activities. Be creative and have fun with your kit to realise it's full value. Your teacher will also help with ideas throughout the term. Don't forget to involve other family members at home too!

- **Participate fully in class activities, and have FUN!**

Most parents feel uncomfortable about singing during their first classes. Don't worry about your voice – regardless of whether you think you can sing or not, it is the most familiar and comforting sound your child will ever know. As the best teacher for your child, it is very important that you initiate participation in all activities during class. Your child will follow your lead, and will participate more successfully in activities when they imitate and interact with you. Even if you have a very independent child who doesn't need to interact directly with you, they will notice if you don't join in. Our most successful classes are the ones with the greatest number of involved adults. Remember that you are the first role model that they learn to follow!