



Guidelines for Virtual Learning

All Areas

- To respect privacy, when creating accounts for your student on platforms like Zoom, please refrain from using last names.
- Do your best to ensure your student has a quiet space from which they can participate.
- In group sessions, it is helpful if microphones are muted until it is time for participation. Sometimes group discussions will occur, and therefore all microphones could be unmuted. The teacher could also mute microphones as they see fit.
- Be mindful of device charge level – it may be best to plug in to ensure your device doesn't run out of charge
- Consider home WiFi load when possible. Especially if you have limited bandwidth, try to limit use of WiFi during classes/lessons
- The larger the screen – the better experience for your child. Smartphones, while acceptable, are not ideal for Virtual Learning. The student will have a better experience if they could use a tablet or a computer.
- Set your device and leave it. It becomes disruptive if the student is constantly moving the device they are using for class.
- It is helpful if students are lit from the front where possible. Avoid back lighting wherever possible.
- It would be helpful if ambient noise and distractions, such as televisions, radios, siblings, pets, etc. are kept to a minimum.

Theatre

- The learning space should be large enough for the student to move around while still being onscreen. Theatre is a highly active art form, and students must have the ability to move around and express/emote.
 - A chair is acceptable if the student would like to sit while other actors are sharing their work; however, lounging on a couch or a bed is too relaxed for class.
 - A small table for materials and a water bottle is recommended.



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- Ensure that your students audio/video device is propped on a piece of furniture so that their camera is filming them straight on. It is ideal if the camera can capture the student from the waist up at least.

Dance

- Continue to wear attire appropriate to each class
- Do your best to ensure your dancing space is open, free from debris.
- For Ballet classes, have something to use as a barre.

Music

- Work with your instructor to find an optimal camera angle. For example, pianists should ensure their hands are visible on the keyboard.