

Testimonial from Organizer of in home Music Class

To Whom It May Concern:

Nathalie has been teaching my two children for over a year now (from 24 to 38 months, and birth to 11 months)

Since the very first class, I have been impressed how organized the classes are (from Nathalie's end, of course not necessarily the children). There is a class plan put up on the window so the parents know what's coming next. Over time my older son, came to anticipate what was next, from the excitement of 'bubble' time, to the goodbye song. Even when a child has had a tantrum before, during or after class, Nathalie dealt with it in a positive way. She would allow the child to express themselves, whilst not expecting anything from the child; at the same time extended an open invitation to return to the class that she would be continuing to keep the other children engaged. I also liked how Nathalie gently reminded parents that they should not be talking to each other during class. I feel that Nathalie has a good feel for engaging the children whilst also providing a class that grasps the parents' interest.

The class for older children was great, including movement and introducing a range of more complex musical instruments as the children grew and gained confidence. As a few of the children got older it became more necessary to ensure we had enough movement each class - Nathalie adapted well, introducing a large parachute and various other songs involving movement.

The baby class began with using very basic songs which encouraged the babies to follow objects or their parents with their eyes, and moved onto ones involving a little movement of the babies. My younger son went from lying completely still to playing the drum or clapping in class, and Nathalie adapted the curriculum so his attention was kept throughout all of these stages. From using songs about buzzy bees, to using a large drum which each baby got a go to 'bang'!

Nathalie is patient and kind with the children. My three children all love her (my almost 6 year old daughter occasionally joined classes when she had no school). Nathalie has adapted to how the children have grown, and managed to accommodate a range of needs - both developmental and emotional in the class. I love how she dealt with various children running away from the class (encouraging but never making the child feel that they'd misbehaved), and never made any of it feel forced.

Sincerely yours,

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