

Clothing Policy

Aim:

To allow children to play freely and safely within the centre environment without being restricted by the type of clothing.

To ensure children are protected from the sun in accordance with the sun safe policy.

Procedure:

- Staff will encourage parents to dress their children in suitable clothing so they can play and explore the environment in a safe and free manner. Cultural considerations will be taken into account.
- Parents will be encouraged to dress their children in clothes they can manage themselves for toileting eg. Overalls, belts, braces etc. can make toileting difficult.
- It is asked that parents provide sturdy footwear that is safe for children to run, climb, jump etc. eg. no thongs.
- Parents are asked to pack at least two sets of spare clothes each day (including underwear and socks). If children wear gumboots to the centre a spare pair of shoes should also be packed.
- Staff will ensure that children are suitably dressed for activities and weather during the day to the best of their ability, with clothes supplied by parents.
- Staff will ensure that the centre has a good supply of spare clothes for use in an emergency. Parents are asked to wash and return these clothes to the centre after use.
- It is asked that parents dress their children according to the sun safe policy, which states children will wear a hat and clothing that give protection from the sun eg. no singlet tops or strappy dresses.
- For safety reasons children are not to be put to sleep wearing a bib/hooded tops or clothing tying with strings at the neck. All clothing should be clearly labelled with the child's name.
- Staff will remove jewellery or hair accessories that they consider to be unsafe.

Sources:

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