

1.3 Children's attire and belongings Policy



Policy

The children take part in a wide range of activities throughout the day, so they need to wear suitable clothes which they change into when necessary. Each child is given a peg bag/basket for this purpose, and parents/carers are asked to provide a complete change of clothes. We encourage the children to dress themselves, so please make sure that the clothes and shoes you supply are easy for them to put on and deal with on their own. For example, no dungarees and no shoes with laces.

The losing and finding of property is a daily occurrence in any Nursery. In our caring environment it is expected that respect for each other's property should underpin all actions with regard to lost property. ***Tiddley Tots Nursery does not accept responsibility for lost items.***

Procedures

Parents/carers are expected to only supply essential items to remain in their child/children bags at Tiddley Tots Nursery including spare clothing, nappies/nappy pants, sun cream and sun hats, wet wipes, nappy rash cream. ***Expensive personal items including jewellery and toys should be left at home.***

Clothing

It is an essential component of educative play that children are able to enjoy art and craft activities with, for example, glue, paste, paint, sand, water, etc. Inevitably children will transfer some of these materials to themselves and their clothing. We attempt as far as possible to purchase glue, paste and paint which are "washable", but in practice not everything is washable off all clothing materials. Parents should therefore dress their children with this in mind. We will accept no liability for clothing damaged while the child is at the nursery.

Staff are to ensure when children are changed that their clothing is bagged up and placed back in their bag or on their peg immediately to avoid any items being misplaced. Soiled/wet clothing will be bagged and given to the parent/carer. We ask that any borrowed items are washed and returned ready for re-use. ***However, due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, we will not allow borrowing of other children's clothing.***

Sun cream and sun hats

Children have the opportunity to play in the fresh air throughout the year and therefore in the summer months it is important that all children have an application of sun cream before they go into the garden. We ask parents/carers to provide sun cream and sun hat for their child/children.

It is the policy at our Nursery to gain parent/carer permission before applying sun cream to a child by means of a consent form. Staff at Tiddley Tots Nursery are aware that:

- Parents/Carers must give sun cream consent via our registration form.

- If a Parent/Carer does not sign the form, then the child must be kept inside until the Nursery can contact the parents to gain permission. If a Parent/Carer does not want a child to have Sun cream, the child will be kept out of the sun.

Nappies/Nappy pants, Wet wipes and Nappy Rash Cream

We ask parents/carers to provide:

- Wet wipes
- Pull ups/Training pants
- Nappy rash cream

These items are stored in each child's individual bag/basket. Staff will communicate to parents/carers when these items are running low and need to be topped up.

Occasionally, we may need to borrow nappies or wet wipes from another child. On such occasions, we will require the parents/carers of the child for whom we have borrowed nappies/wet wipes to bring in replacements.

Personal belongings, jewellery and toys from home

We discourage parents/carers from allowing their children to wear jewellery during the day for their own and other's safety. Any jewellery or accessories being worn for religious or cultural reasons may be allowed, but parents/carers must be aware that they take full responsibility for loss or damage or accidents involving the jewellery. ***Tiddley Tots Nursery will not be held responsible for any personal belongings being lost or damaged.***

We discourage parents/carers from sending drinks, food or sweets in their child's coat or bag. This is to protect all children who may have allergies and some severe, which could result in serious illness if another child was to find these items.

We discourage parents/carers from allowing children to bring in their toys to nursery. It is likely that they may get lost and we cannot be responsible for keeping them safe in the nursery. ***However, if your child requires a comforter e.g. soft toy or blanket, please bring it in a bag and then take home at the end of the day and wash it. We would prefer no toys or comforters to be brought into nursery but do understand that this could cause distress.***