

6. Appropriate Clothing

Statement of intent

Polesden Lacey Playschool will provide activities and play opportunities which stretch and challenge children's learning and development.

Aim

To ensure children can fully participate and enjoy both indoor and outdoor activities we are keen to recommend that child wear appropriate clothing.

Practice

Where possible we purchase washable paint, glue and ingredients for malleable play. Inevitably children will immerse themselves in their play and their clothes are likely to be dirtied or stained. We strongly suggest that parent/guardians dress their children with this in mind. The Playschool cannot accept liability for clothing soiled or damaged whilst children are at Playschool.

Change of clothes

We ask that parent/guardians supply one complete change of clothes, with each item clearly marked with the child's name. We positively encourage children's independence and ask you to consider purchasing clothes that your child can learn to put on and take off themselves. For children yet to successfully use the toilet independently, we ask parent/guardians to provide ample numbers of underwear and trousers, skirts etc, to ensure that the child can be dry and clean during this challenging transition.

Seasonal clothing and protection

To ensure that children can access the outdoors throughout the year, it is important that children have appropriate clothing and protection for all weather conditions.

Please consider the following when dressing your child for Playschool:

- Long trousers to reduce grazed knees
- Garments without belts or buckles
- Trainers with Velcro fastenings
- No jewellery - including earrings and watches

The essential clothing by season is as follows:

Spring/Summer

- Wide brimmed or legionnaire style hat to protect face, ears and neck
- Clothing that covers sensitive areas i.e. neck, shoulders and back
- Sun cream is provided by the setting; please see the Sun Safety Policy.
- Consider oversized cotton t-shirts on extremely hot days

Autumn/Winter

- Hat, scarf and gloves
- Warm waterproof coat
- Wellington boots

Policy Review

As part of Polesden Lacey Playschool monitoring of appropriate clothing this policy will be subject to periodic review.

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