

CLOTHING AND COMFORT



VALUES

This service endeavours to consult with families about their child's individual needs and to be aware of the different values and parenting beliefs, cultural or otherwise that are associated with clothing and footwear.

For the purpose of this policy, the term clothing and footwear encompasses:

- ▶ Safe sleepwear
- ▶ Sun protective clothing, including hats
- ▶ Clothing for messy play, including art and craft aprons
- ▶ Appropriate clothing for changing weather conditions and temperature of environments.
- ▶ Clothing to facilitate self-help, including role play props and clothing
- ▶ Safe footwear for play experiences such as climbing and running.

Sparkways Early Learning acknowledges that in meeting the Centre's duty of care, it is a requirement that management and staff implement and adhere to the Centres Clothing and Comfort policy.

PROCEDURES

All articles of clothing, including shoes, must be clearly labelled with waterproof markers or labels.

Children are involved in a large range of activities during the day, which may include mess play.

Coats, hats and gumboots are required for wet weather, but another pair of footwear must be provided for wear inside.

All loose fitting shoes are dangerous on climbing equipment. It is essential that children always wear sensible footwear, such as sandals with covered back and toes or footwear that covers the feet.

All children should bring a complete change of clothes.

Additional clothes should be provided for all children who are toilet training.

SOURCES

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