



All Weather Policy

Policy Statement

At Tiggers Preschool we encourage children to gain the skills that help them to be independent and look after themselves. These include taking themselves to the toilet and taking off, and putting on, outdoor clothes. Please bear in mind that clothing that is easy for them to manage, will help them to do this

At Tiggers Preschool, children will spend time outdoors in all weathers, all year round, and as they explore the outdoor environment it is inevitable that on occasions they will get wet and muddy. It is necessary for children to bring suitable outdoor clothing such as warm/waterproof coats and wellies, or sun hats, depending on the weather. Please ensure your child is dressed in clothes that are easily washable or not too new and ensure that outdoor and indoor clothing is suitable for children to play and move around in. All clothes should be named.

Procedures

Sun

We have the practice of having all the children wearing hats in the sun.

Parents are asked to send children to the playgroup provided with a named hat. If a child doesn't have their own hat we do provide them with one.

A good Sun lotion should be applied to your child before they arrive at Tiggers. Due to time and allergies staff do not apply sun lotion in the mornings. We also ask parents not to leave bottles of sun lotion in the child's bag. However, If your child is staying for the whole day on Tuesdays, after lunch club, sun lotion will be topped up by a member of staff. A permission slip to apply sun lotion, must be filled in by the parent and a named bottle should be put in the kitchen, at registration in the morning.

Children always have free access to drinking water and are reminded to have a drink during hot days and are explained that drinking is important to keep them cool and healthy.

We have water play in the garden during hot weather, which helps to keep the children cool.

Some of the activities are set up in the shady areas where children can cool down and we put up tents to create nice chill out zones for the children.

Rain and Snow

Parents are asked to bring their children to the Tiggers provided with a rain resistant warm coat, welly boots, hats, gloves and warm shoes or boots. Please make sure all clothes are named. A spare set of clothes ought to be provided too, so we can change the children into dry clothes if they get too wet and muddy.

The welly boots will allow the children to have lots of fun in puddles and keep their feet dry. Tiggers has some sets of dry and clean clothing. Children are never left in wet clothes.



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