



Purpose

Our centre aims to ensure all children are suitable dressed for the changing weather conditions and that clothing and footwear are safe and appropriate for the activities being undertaken.

Procedure

Footwear

- Children are encouraged to wear shoes that do not slip off easily, such as thongs or scuffs. 'Crocs' are also considered to be inappropriate footwear.
- All footwear worn by staff and children should be enclosed or have a strap at the heel to prevent possible injury.
- Children will be permitted to remove footwear for activities such as sand and water play. Once children have finished the activity shoes must be put back on to prevent injury such as bee or wasp stings.

Sun Safe Clothing

- Sun safe clothing must be worn at all times.
- Clothing should cover the child's shoulders at all times. Tank tops, sleeveless dresses and singlets are not considered suitable coverage. Staff will ensure the child wears a T-shirt over the top of the clothing if it is unsuitable.
- Consistent with the Sun Safe Policy, parents will need to provide a wide brimmed hat at all times. Children will be asked to play under the shaded outdoor areas or inside if an appropriate hat is not provided.

Cold Weather Clothing

- Appropriate clothing needs to be provided during the colder months.
- Staff will encourage and assist children to dress appropriately for the changes in weather. This will assist in reducing the risk of children and staff falling ill due to cold and/or flu.
- Please note: Staff will be sensitive to cultural differences in clothing and will work with families to ensure every child is comfortable.

Choice of Clothing for Play

- Victor Harbor Community Kindergarten has a rich, creative program that frequently exposes children to messy experiences. Parents are asked to send their child in clothes that can get dirty to ensure the child is not inhibited during creative play.
- Smocks are provided for the children to use during messy play if the parents require the child to stay as clean as possible.

Cords on Clothing

- Cords on clothing such as shorts, winter jackets and hats should be shortened to a length of 20cm. Ideally these cords should be removed as this provides a hazard for choking and entrapment in equipment while in the outdoor area.

Toileting

- The toileting of young children relies heavily on their confidence and ability to become independent in this area. Parents are requested to send their child in appropriate clothing that allows the child to easily

manage toileting. Track pants and shorts with elastic are ideal as this allows the child to toilet train successfully.

- Overalls, zippers and clips are difficult for children to use and may cause unnecessary accidents.

Costume Jewellery and Badges

- Costume jewellery: beaded bracelets and necklaces, rings and hair pieces provide a potential hazard in the event of breakage. Parents are requested not to bring these items to the centre.
- Badges: these are not permitted at the centre due to the potential hazards they pose.

Sources

- Victor Harbor Child Care and Education Centre
- Kidsafe (www.kidsafe.org.au)
- Cancer Council SA

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