



St Nicolas Playgroup

Clothing Policy

1.0 Policy Statement

At St Nicolas Playgroup, we believe that messy and creative play with materials like paint, water, glue, sand, and mud is essential for a child's development. We take care to protect children's clothing from damage and staining by using aprons and washable paints, but it's important to recognise that some staining and damage is unavoidable.

To help keep your child's personal clothing clean, we have branded t-shirts and jumpers available for purchase. These are optional and not a requirement.

2.0 What to Wear

Please send your child to playgroup in clothing and footwear that you don't mind getting dirty.

- **Suitable Clothing:** Please provide a change of clothes in a clearly labelled bag. We have a limited supply of spare clothes available to use if needed; we ask that you wash and promptly return them after use.
- **Weather-Appropriate Attire:** Ensure your child has suitable clothing for all weather conditions (e.g., coats, hats, gloves, wellington boots, sunhats).
- **Footwear:** For everyday play, we recommend sturdy shoes or trainers. Flip-flops are not suitable footwear within the playgroup. If your child wears wellington boots to playgroup, please provide a change of footwear.
- **Safety:** For activities like sports, climbing, or walks in the woods, children must wear sturdy shoes or trainers to prevent injury. For safety reasons, children are not permitted on the climbing frame or on ride-on toys in unsuitable clothing, footwear, or dressing-up costumes.

2.1 Labelling

For all personal items, please label them clearly with your child's name.

3.0 Staff Clothing Policy

Uniform

Staff are required to wear the St Nicolas Playgroup uniform. Clothing should be respectable, meaning no items that are excessively short, revealing, or see-through leggings.

Footwear

Staff should wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes that provide protection and allow for quick movement to ensure child safety. Open-toed footwear is not advisable as it does not protect the wearer from potential



injury. On extremely hot days, staff may wear open shoes, sandals, or Crocs (with a back strap) at their own risk. Flip-flops are not permitted.

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