



Melrose Rural Care

Changing of Children's Clothing Procedure

From our philosophy: "We aim to provide high quality care and education through a partnership between parents, children, community, staff and the Department of Education and Children's Services."

With the belief that:

- ❖ "Children develop individually through stages, in their own learning style varying through cultural and family values and perception of these may vary.
- ❖ Healthy self esteem is the basis of positive physical, intellectual and social growth.
- ❖ We believe children need to express themselves in a safe environment.
- ❖ Children learn most effectively through hands on experience, through play.
- ❖ We value involvement of families and community and we encourage open communication.
- ❖ Our planning and evaluation is inclusive to children with additional needs.
- ❖ Our aims of planning and daily activities reflect our philosophy and are made available to families.

Therefore:

In the instances where a child needs a change of clothes, the staff will encourage the child to undress him/herself independently as much as possible.

Parents are encouraged to provide a named spare set of clothes to be sent to preschool with their child each day, if their child has difficulty with toileting.

In circumstances where the child requires some assistance, the presence of a witness as well as the staff member (who is assisting the child) is advisable.

The reason for the child's change of clothing will be followed up by a staff member discussing this with a parent/caregiver or notification will occur through communication book.

A record of 'Changing Children's Clothing' is kept in the staff room.

Wet or soiled clothing will be sent home with the child for the parents to wash.

The replacement clothing will be washed by the family and returned to the centre as soon as possible.

When a staff member is assisting a child to change it is their responsibility to ensure that the child's privacy is honoured, and that the child feels safe and secure with the procedure.

Reference:

Legislation

Children's Protection Act 1993 (SA); Child Care Act 1972 (Cth);

DECS Personal Care Support Planning in Education and Children's Services 2007

Signed :.....

Director

Ratified:/...../2008

Review Date:



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Record of children's clothing changed

Staff member assisting the child to change his/her clothing, is required to fill in the details on this form.

Child's name	Date	Why changed	Staff member	Witness