Children’s Clothing Policy

At the University of Bradford Nursery we believe Children’s clothing plays an important part in their well-being and quality of experiences while in nursery. Suitability of clothing can affect their health, safety, comfort, play and learning so we will endeavour to try and ensure that all children are as comfortable as possible and are changed as and when necessary.

In many situations Practitioners are asked to use a common sense approach when it comes to changing a child’s clothes, shoes etc.

Listed below are the examples that Practitioners are required to follow.

➢ Protective clothing during snack and mealtimes must be worn in the Baby unit and some children may need it in the Toddler unit. Staff must use their knowledge on their key children and knowledge from parental preference to gage this.

➢ Bibs must be taken off before a child is laid down to go to sleep.

➢ All children participating in creative activities should be encouraged to wear an apron. If the child becomes distressed they must never be forced to wear an apron. It is the child’s key person to discuss this with parents.

➢ If the child refuses to wear an apron, then an alternative may be provided. E.G could parents provide old top to wear over their clothing?

➢ During hot weather conditions the children will be encouraged to wear a sun hat when using the outdoors. (smaller children will get help from practitioners)

➢ Children should be appropriately dressed for the weather conditions. All Practitioners are responsible to make sure this happens.

➢ Children should always wear wellies when it is wet outside and appropriate clothing; It is all staffs responsibility to make sure children are appropriately dressed for the weather condition. (again for practitioners to use their own common sense)

➢ Children’s clothing/shoes must be checked when coming in from outside. It is practitioner’s responsibility to change if needed.

➢ If a children clothing gets wet from outdoor play, water play, spilt drinks then these must be changed as soon as possible by a practitioner (Wet clothes must be put on the child’s peg)

➢ Dirty clothes must be changed as soon as possible again using practitioners common sense.

➢ If children are wearing spare clothes or shoes, it is the practitioner’s responsibility to try to make sure it is a suitable size. (However on occasions this may be difficult do to not having enough spare clothes)

➢ Practitioners will remind parents as much as possible to bring spare clothes.

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