

BARNIES DAY NURSERIES AND PRESCHOOLS

OUTDOOR PLAY AND CLOTHES POLICY

Clothes

Do send your child in easily washable clothes. Although we provide aprons and take care, children are working with messy materials, which have a habit of spreading everywhere.

It is very distressing for a child who has worked hard at an activity to find themselves in trouble at home for making a mess of their clothes. If paint does get in your children's clothes, soak them for a while in water, and then wash with soap or soap powder **Not** detergent which tends to set the stain.

In case of emergencies we do have a limited supply of nursery clothes which we will change the child into. It would be very helpful if you could wash through and return the spare clothes.

Also, please think about clothes which might limit their independence like belts or dungarees, which they cannot undo in time to get to the toilet.

Jewellery is not suitable for nursery. Apart from the risk of getting lost or spoilt, when children are taking part in vigorous physical activities, as they do at Barnies, jewellery is dangerous. Consequently, the only jewellery that is allowed at nursery is stud earrings. Any other jewellery will be removed from children and kept in the office for your collection.

Outdoor Play

All children will be given the opportunity to play outside throughout the day whatever the weather. It is important you dress your child for nursery appropriately. We endeavour to provide waterproof trousers, wellingtons, hats and gloves through the winter, sun hats and sun cream when it's sunny.

Children get wet, muddy and messy when they play outside. We teach children how to minimise how messy they get and they do get better at this as they get older, but it's part of their learning and development – you can't expect them not to get messed up playing in mud.

We will not compromise on allowing children to play outdoors as we believe it to be an essential component of young children's learning and development.

Children must be allowed to experience the world around them in full, messy, muddy, wet environment if are to make useful meaning of it.

Please note: Getting wet does not cause us to catch a cold. If the cold virus is around, we will pick it up regardless of whether we are wet or dry.