



## Adventure Pre-School – Child Clothing Policy

Adventure is a place of...adventure! Children are likely to get messy!

All clothing must be practical for all play purposes including messy play and outdoor physical play. All clothing must be named to help with identification. We cannot be held responsible for lost clothing.

Suggested clothing for all children is:

- Short-sleeved t-shirt\* (with long sleeved t-shirt under if cold)
- Elastic-waisted bottoms or leggings
- Jumper (if cold weather)

(\*although there is no set 'uniform' at Adventure, t-shirts are available at a small cost)

Children must wear suitable shoes that they can:

- a) independently get off and on (e.g. not laces)
- b) are safe for active play *i.e. must be secure to the foot (not crocs or flips flops) and not open-toed (e.g. sandals)* Wellies are good in wet weather

For safety reasons children must have appropriate footwear on at all times during sessions. Socks are useful for comfort and to ensure good hygiene.

As part of their learning journey we help children to become independent at dressing and toileting in readiness for the start of Reception at school. Clothes such as; dungarees, belts, braces, jeans with buttons, tights and fancy dresses make this task almost impossible and therefore should not be worn (no matter how cool they look!)

### **Clothes in play**

If children are enjoying messy play (*e.g. painting, water play, clay*) then aprons/overshirts are provided and children must wear them. Children's clothes are likely to get messy regardless but it helps to limit any damage to the clothing.

There is also a selection of wet weather coats and role play clothing that children can develop their 'style' with alongside their practical dressing skills.

**Cold weather** – a named hat and gloves (we recommend you stitch a long piece of wool from one glove to the other and thread them through the arm of their coat to ensure they don't get lost)

**Hot weather** - sun hats (named) should be provided on sunny days but sunglasses are not expected



## Spare Clothing

If a child is toilet training (see toileting policy) the child must have in a named bag, several spare pairs of underwear and trousers/bottom halves and probably a top or two. Children should bring spare clothes in a named **drawstring** bag. Please note we do not have the space to store large backpacks in the setting.

If in doubt remember the golden rule – if they can't put it on or take it off themselves, it probably shouldn't be worn!