



CHARLES WESTON SCHOOL

Coombs

Procedure name: Clothing and Footwear Procedure

Review date: June 2021

Purpose and Scope

Comfortable, appropriate clothing is important as it makes it easier for children to take part in daily activities and to perform routine tasks as well as providing sun protection. As respected professionals employed by the Education Directorate all CWSC Preschool educators are required to dress in a professional manner which allows for their tasks to be carried out safely.

Procedure

Families' Responsibilities

Families are asked to dress their child in the CWSC school uniform which is easily laundered, fits into the sun protection guidelines and allows the child to participate in all experiences. It also assists the child to develop their sense of belonging.

Families will:

- Provide at least one complete set of spare clothing. This includes underwear, socks, bottoms, t-shirt and a warm top. Please note that the weather in Canberra can be very changeable and a variety of clothing is recommended
- Label each item with the child's name
- Provide additional clothing for their children in the process of toilet learning
- Ensure that their child's shoes fit correctly, do not have slippery soles and are firmly secured to the foot. Thongs, dress-up high heels, backless and platform shoes should not be worn
- Provide a t-shirt or a rash vest ('rashie') when students attend all day outdoor swimming carnivals or water based activities.

Educators' Responsibilities

Educators will:

- Ensure that each child is adequately dressed for weather conditions and play experiences
- Ensure that children are comfortably dressed for rest-time
- Respect the children's individual/cultural clothing preferences

Preschool Responsibilities

The Preschool will:

- Have a supply of school clothing which will cater for different weather conditions should a child not have the appropriate items of clothing available
- Make available protective clothing (aprons, smocks etc.) for messy activities.

Educators

Educators are required to dress in a professional manner, and a way, which is appropriate to their role within the preschool. Appropriate footwear can minimize injuries to the feet as well as contribute to safety for back care particularly for those who are engaged in regular physical activities with the children.

Educators will:

- Wear clothing that does not restrict their ability to perform their duties
- Wear clothing that is respectful (i.e. no mid-drift tops, no short clothing, no underwear revealed)
- A wide brimmed hat must be worn at all times outdoors, except for the months of June and July according to our Sun Protection procedures.
- Wear at least a t-shirt or a rash vest ('rashie') when attending all day outdoor swimming carnivals or water based activities.

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