



## **Protective or Dry Clothing**

### **Protective Clothing**

As many of our activities involve paint and glue, flour etc... and all the children are encouraged to participate in all the activities available, it is advisable to send your child in old clothes. Sometimes accidents happen and clothing gets marked, and although mostly stains can be removed by washing, we cannot be held responsible for your child's clothing.

We do have protective aprons for our children to wear during messy activities, but they are not compulsory, and our policy is to encourage all our children to participate in the ongoing events and activities freely. Protective clothing can act as a barrier for some children, which can then prevent them from accessing valuable learning opportunities as they feel restricted.

To avoid this we offer the use of aprons etc.. during messy activities but do not insist on their use.

We do have preschool nursery sweatshirts and t-shirts, which are available for parents to purchase if required (they are sold at cost price to families). Please see a member of staff for details. It is helpful if children's clothing is named written, particularly coats and sweatshirts, as once removed it is not always easy for us to tell who it belongs to

### **Dry Clothing**

Dry spare clothes are available, if necessary, children can choose from a limited selection, if your child is sent home in our clothing parents are asked to return the items laundered ready for re-use.

Each child is allocated a coat peg, for use during their session at the preschool, parents/carers can leave a change of clothing for their child/ren, in a bag which can be hung on their coat peg for staff to use as required.

### **Clothing bank**

We are part of a scheme that helps to recycle clothes and fabrics, the clothing bank is situated in the grounds of Alburgh with Denton Primary school, and your donations of clothing help us to raise much needed funds for our preschools.

If you would like to find out more about this fundraising scheme, please speak to a member of staff.