

Clothes

Please **label** articles of clothing with child's name, especially jumpers and shoes. Dress your child in clothes that are comfortable—suitable for climbing, somersaulting and other active play and that they can manage themselves.

It is not possible for children to stay clean at kindy so it is best for children to wear clothes that wash easily.

Singlet tops and dresses are not suitable as these do not protect from the sun.

Children require shoes or strong sandals which are safe for running, climbing and other active play. Thongs and dressy sandals with raised heels or slippery soles are not suitable as they can cause accidents.

Children are required to wear hats for outside play. **The Kindy will supply a hat when your child starts Kindy and this will remain at Kindy.**

Kindy Polo shirts can be purchased through the Kindy. Jumpers or jackets (without a hood) are purchased by parents and are then sent away for embroidery through the kindy at the same time as the polo shirt orders are made. Please look out for order dates in the Kindy Newsletter.

Spare clothes should be included for accidents, water/mud play, wet weather etc especially if your child would be unhappy wearing clothes that are not their own. Please wash and return as soon as possible if your child needs to wear kindy clothes.

Library Books

Children will make a library bag when they start Kindy and books will be sent home each Tuesday. Reading books to your child is a vital part of their language and literacy development so we encourage you to make use of these books and read to your child every night. Books can be returned for exchanging once a week or more often if you wish.

Bags, Bottles and Boxes

All children require a bag to help them to become independent and responsible for their own things. Please print your child's name clearly **on the outside of the bag and on your child's lunch box and water bottle**, as many children have similar types of bags, boxes and bottles. The bag needs to be large enough to carry everything needed, including an A4 folder, but of a size which the child can manage. Encourage your child to carry their bag and unpack it on their own, this helps develop their independence, confidence and sense of belonging.

Money

Please send any money in a named envelope with details written on the envelope: Name, amount, what it is for. Money envelopes can be placed in child's plastic communication folder which will be provided in week 1.

Bank SA provides a banking service if you wish your child to participate applications are in the Enrolment Folder. Please send bank books on Tuesday.

Communication

A book is supplied to communicate special notices and information about up coming events, the program and your child.

It is also expected that parents will communicate information about their child to staff in this book. Please let us know reasons for absence, who will be dropping off and picking up your child if not the parent, changes in regard to bus travel, any relevant information about the child which will assist staff to give them the best support . Also it is nice for parents and staff to share any special moments in the child's life or development too!

ClassDojo

ClassDojo is an app that allows us to share information about the kindy and your child using digital technology. Information about joining the group will be provided on enrolment.

Child & Youth Health

Health screenings for children will take place during the year prior to starting school. These health checks are valuable as they detect health conditions, which might otherwise go unrecognised. Checks are usually done at the Kindergarten. Parents are encouraged to attend their child's appointment and to share the outcome of the screening with the Kindy director to ensure any relevant information is passed on to the school. This prevents any learning difficulties developing due to poor eyesight or hearing.

Health

Precautions against the spread of colds, viruses and contagious diseases are very necessary at the Kindy. If your child is unwell please contact the kindergarten and keep them home. Sick children are more comfortable with parents.

Children who have an infectious disease including the flue, diarrhoea, conjunctivitis, or head lice etc. are required to remain at home. Please notify the Director if your child has an infectious disease as we be required to notify other parents of its occurrence. (Your child will not be named in the notification)

If your child requires medication please ensure the Director is aware of this requirement and arrange to come in to administer the medication yourself.

Children suffering medical conditions such as asthma or anaphylaxis require an Action Plan provided by the Doctor. Please ensure this action plan is available at the start of your child's time at kindy. Staff will support children to, or administer medication in accordance with the plan. Medication must be given to staff to be stored safely and not left in a child's bag. You may choose to provide the kindy with your child's medication to leave at kindy or send it in each day. If your child travels by bus make sure your bus driver is aware of your child's needs.

Make staff aware of other health needs such as allergies, toileting issues and so forth. Children with severe allergies require an Action Plan provided by the Doctor.