



## SECTION 3

### HEALTH & SAFETY POLICIES

#### 3.3 Clothing Policy (Children)

**Aim:**

1. To ensure maximum protection, safety and comfort for children attending The Gums Childcare Centre.
2. To inform parents of the need for their child's clothing to be appropriate for weather, play activities, comfort and for the development of self help skills (eg. Toileting).

**Process:**

1. Parents will be informed of the Centre's clothing policy in the Centre's information booklet. In particular:
  - Children are restricted in what they can do by clothes that must not get dirty or long dresses or boots/ shoes that limit physical activity such as climbing.
  - Thongs, crocs and party shoes are not appropriate and in some cases, unsafe.
  - Footwear that is easy to take off and put on independently assists children to develop self help skills.
  - Children require shirts that provide sun protection to the shoulders, no singlets or strappy sundresses please.
  - The Centre sells polo shirts and jumpers. These items are a non compulsory uniform.
2. Parents should ensure that children bring clothes that are appropriate for the weather. In particular, children require:
  - A Sun Smart hat when outdoors
  - Appropriate footwear
  - A warm coat or parka and woolly hat in the cooler months
3. Parents should provide at least two complete **named** changes of clothes (including singlet and socks) for children under 2, and at least one complete change of clothes for children over 2.
4. Parents must name all clothing, including socks and shoes.
5. Parents are reminded to regularly check the Centre's lost property bin which is located in the front entrance to the Centre.
7. Items of children's clothing that have not been claimed from lost property after 3 months become the property of The Gums Childcare Centre for children to wear in the event of an accident or emergency or donated to "Goodwill".
8. Dummy chains are only allowed with written permission of the parents/ guardians. Dummy chains can cause risk of strangulation and are a potential safety hazard to the wearer when in group care.

SOURCE: The Cancer Council (SA) [www.cancersa.org.au](http://www.cancersa.org.au)

**Relates to Quality Area 2:** elements 2.1.3, 2.2.1, 2.3, National Regulation 168(2)(a)