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Change of Children's Clothing Procedure

Rationale:

Children are supported - when there are strong links of communication between their families, staff, DECD and the broader community and they work together to achieve their goals, and that "children have security in a safe loving environment".

Therefore:

*In the instances where a child needs a change of clothes, the staff will encourage the child to undress him/herself independently as much as possible.

*Parents are encouraged to provide a named spare set of clothes to be sent to preschool with their child each day, if their child has difficulty toileting.

*The reason for the child's change of clothing will be followed up by a staff member discussing this, with a parent/caregiver or notification will occur through a written note. A record of "changing Children's clothing is kept on the bench in the bathroom.

*Wet or soiled clothing will be sent home in a sealed plastic bag with the child for the parents to wash. The replacement clothing will be washed by the family and returned to the centre as soon as possible.

*When a staff member is assisting a child to change, it is their responsibility to ensure that the child's privacy is honoured and that the child feels safe and secure with the procedure.

Referenced:

Child Protection Act 1993 (SA)

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