



PLAYGROUP RULES

These rules are to ensure everyone has a great time & reduce misunderstandings.

YOU ARE WELCOME

- All children & families are welcome at our playgroups; we do not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, disability, culture, religion, sexuality or gender identity.
- All children & adults who attend playgroup will be treated with respect & dignity; all backgrounds, experiences & ideas are valued.
- All playgroup members are responsible to help make new families feel welcomed & help them settle their child into playgroup; new members are important to ensure a playgroup continues to grow & thrive.
- If you are breastfeeding, you may choose to use the private, comfortable area that has been set aside for this purpose.

If you need help, or see or hear something that causes you to worry about someone else in playgroup, please talk to the ECS Manager or Building Communities Coordinator.

SAFETY IS OUR PRIORITY

- All playgroups, playgroup venues & the surrounding areas are smoke-free environments.
- Please consider the health & safety of other children in the group. Do not attend if ill/contagious.
- When changing nappies, use the baby change table & nappy disposal bin appropriately & clean & sanitise equipment after use.
- Be watchful of children's behaviour to avoid conflicts & injuries, especially active older children who may inadvertently injure other children, especially smaller babies.
- Supervise your child/children at playgroup to ensure their wellbeing & safety. A parent/carer must remain in close proximity to their child at all times, not just in their line of sight.
- Children are not permitted in the storeroom.
- If you are having a hot drink, ensure it is in a safe, insulated & securely lidded container, or only have in the office kitchen area where children are not allowed. If you put your drink down, put it on a high surface out of reach of children.

ECS staff have received training in Child Protection & can assist you with practical support & information on a range of complex issues.

PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE

- Use respectful language at playgroup & refrain from using swearing & offensive language, even when talking with another adult.
- If you are concerned by children's behaviours, you may have a quiet word with the parent/carer in a non-judgemental, supportive manner or talk to ECS staff.
- Never strike a child or children in your care, & never attempt to discipline someone else's child at playgroup.

Our playgroups are not funded for staff. All members must help with packing & cleaning up at the end of the playgroup session, as the room is used by other groups.

Members can talk to ECS Manager anytime [t: 9520 7022, e: melindap@ecs.org.au]