

Bubbles Playgroup

Guidelines

Playgroup is an opportunity for families to come together in their community, play, make friends and establish supportive connections. Every family can find a place to belong at playgroup. In order for a group to run smoothly and to ensure everyone is aware of general expectation please observe the following guidelines.

Registration

After a visitor has attended two playgroup sessions they will need to complete an online registration form. This form allows vital information to be shared including contact details and an emergency contact. Please notify the coordinator if you wish to be removed from our database or a long absence is expected.

Inclusion and non-discrimination

All children and families are welcome at playgroup. We do not discriminate on the basis of gender, race, disability and religion. All children and adults who attend playgroup will be treated with respect and dignity.

Welcoming new members

New members are important to ensure a playgroup continues to grow and thrive. All playgroup members are responsible to help make new families feel welcomed and included. To help people feel welcome, greet new members and help them settle their child into playgroup.

Smoking

All playgroup venues and the surrounding areas are smoke-free environments.

Hot Drinks

Scalding can be a serious problem if babies and young children are exposed to hot liquids like tea and coffee. Hot drinks should only served in safe, insulated and securely lidded containers or limited to an area where children are not allowed, for example the kitchen.

Swearing and offensive language

Children learn behaviours by watching their parents and carers and often repeat what they hear and see. Please use respectful language at playgroup and refrain from using swearing and offensive language, even when talking with another adult.

Supervision of and Disciplining Children

The parent or carer who brings a child to playgroup is responsible for supervising and disciplining children in their care while at playgroup.

Where a parent/carer cannot keep a child in their direct line of sight (e.g. while feeding a baby or accompanying another child to the bathroom), seek support from another member to make sure their child has an adult who is aware of their wellbeing and safety.

If you notice behaviour that you are concerned about in someone's child, have a quiet word with the parent in a non-judgmental, supportive manner. Remember your child may come to someone else's attention at another time.

If you think a child is at risk of harm from abuse or neglect, contact the Child Protection Helpline on 132 111.

Baby Corner

Babies are small and some new parents may worry that boisterous and active older children may inadvertently injure their child. A dedicated baby corner where parents/carers with babies can interact with each other away from the older children.

Help out and pitch in

Bubbles is run by volunteers from Pennant Hills Baptist Church. They have a Working with Children Check (WWCC) number. However if everyone at playgroup helps out, no one person is burdened with an unacceptable workload. We run on a roster system for setting up, morning tea, craft and story time. At pack up time, we encourage all who are able to help put away the toys.

If you have a passion or skill that you can bring to the group, discuss with the coordinator and see if it can be incorporated into the group activities.