

Welcome to Messy Play

My name is Clare and I am the facilitator of Messy play. I have 3 children aged 11, 9 and 6 and have a background in early childhood education. I have been at sunbury neighbourhood house for a few years now and love getting to know our messy play families. Just a few notes to make our session a happy, healthy and safe one for everyone!

FOOD - We provide a fruit snack every session and children are welcome to bring their own snacks as well. We do ask that food is only eaten in the designated snack area to keep our experiences free of food. If we have Children with severe allergies we may need to ask those foods be kept for home. Please encourage children not to share food in case of allergies.

CLOTHING - It's messy play and things can get messy so I don't recommend wearing clothes that are expensive or that you care about! Children are welcome to bring their own art smock with them each week. It's probably worth noting that parents/carers sometimes get a bit messy too!

HEALTH, HYGEINE AND SAFETY - If anyone is unwell, we ask you please stay at home and get better. There is sanitizer at the entry and it would be great if everyone could sanitize upon arrival to the room and before eating. There is soap and towels at the hand washing sink to wash up those messy hands between activities. There is a compost bin at the snack area for food scraps and tissues and a bin for any other rubbish. There are dustpan and brooms for any excess mess to minimise the risk of slipping and towels to soak up water that ends up on the floor. Some sessions are messier than others and although I try to keep on top of the floor spills sometimes I might be doing something else and miss it. If you don't want to clean up a spill please bring it to my attention so I can clean it up asap.

ARTWORK - I am a believer in the importance of the process of art not the finished product! There are textas and pens on the bench for you to add your child's name to their masterpiece and and pop it on the drying rack. You are welcome to leave it on the drying rack and collect it the following week from the Art box next to the sink If it's not dry at home time.

CLEANING UP - At about 11:20 I will start cleaning up activities that aren't being played with anymore. Although it's not required it's a huge help if everyone can lend a hand in packing up Especially if I don't have a helper! We stack the Inside chairs,, vacuum the mat and put everything from the tables back in its containers or in the sink to be washed up. The big blocks outside get put back in the bin and stay outside.

SAYING GOODBYE - The children can come and see me for a goodbye sticker and a high five before they go If they would like to!