

❖❖ *Broadmeadow Montessori Children's House* ❖❖

Requirements for Preschool

Bag

We ask that until your child is at least four and a half the bag provided is an open flat bottomed bag (same size and style as the supermarket eco bags). We encourage the children to unpack and pack their own bags and the backpack style with numerous pockets and zips are simply too complex for 3 year olds.

The backpack style can be saved as a special purchase when getting ready for school!

Lunch Box and Morning Tea Container

We ask that the boxes chosen are simple and easy to open and close. A simple rectangular box is the best or even paper bags which can be recycled. Please try to avoid the use of too much plastic wrap or throw away plastic bags. If you wish to transport food in an insulated bag during summer, we ask that your child unloads the food boxes into the fridge and you take the insulated bag away with you. We are simply running out of space in the fridge and on the lunch tables to house these bulky bags.

Drinking Cups and Bottles

A small china drinking cup is required for inside. We will put the child's name on it and will need an area where it will be visible e.g. a black cup would be difficult to name. A water bottle is also required for the outside area. Please consider use - not too big, simple to open and close, fitting easily in the kindy bag.

A Sun Effective Hat

Hats are needed every day, summer and winter. Please make sure your child has an appropriate hat with a good brim. Baseball caps are not adequate.

Spare Clothing

We often need to change children especially when there has been a water activity. Please make sure that you have plenty of spare clothing in your child's bag. If we send your child home in some of our spare clothes please make sure they are returned.

We try to spend time outside, even on very cold days. In cooler weather please supply your child with warm jumpers or jackets. This is often an issue in the changing season period where temperatures can plunge up to 10% in a day and a warm top is essential.

Footwear

We encourage children to run, jump and climb on equipment outside. They need properly fitting shoes, sand shoes or sandals. Rubber boots, thongs or crocks are not appropriate as they can be dangerous and they inhibit children from exercising fully. In summer we allow barefoot play. If this is a problem for you please speak to a staff member.

Child Self Sufficiency

We encourage children to be self sufficient as much as possible. Please aid our efforts by encouraging your child to carry their own bag and to unpack the bag and put it in their locker on arrival. Compliment your child on a good job when you arrive and find their bag fully packed (i.e. nothing loose in their locker). If you are having problems getting your child's cooperation on this, talk to staff-they may be able to assist.