



Registered Charity No. 1022409

3 Health and safety policy and procedures

Designated Health and Safety Officer is: Flora Lau

3.17 Face painting and mehndi

Children are face painted only if parents have given prior written consent. Verbal consent is fine at events where parents are present.

- A child who does not want to have their face painted will not be made to continue.
- Children under two years of age are generally not fully face painted, however a nose and whiskers (or similar) is fine. Having an arm or hand painted with a flower, star or butterfly is also an option for children who may not sit still.
- Children with open sores, rashes or other skin conditions are not painted.
- Glitter based face paints are not used on children under two years of age.
- Members of staff painting children's faces wash their hands before doing so, cover any cuts or abrasions and ensure they have the equipment they need close to hand.
- Only products with ingredients compliant with EU and FDA regulations are used.
- Clean water is used to wash brushes and sponges between children. Ideally a sponge is used once only before being machine washed on a hot cycle.
- Staff face painting at an event ensure they have a comfortable chair or shoes if standing, to reduce the risk of back or neck strain. Face painting is an activity that can cause repetitive stress injuries, therefore, regular breaks are not taken at events such as fetes.

Mehndi painting

- Staff never mehndi paint children under three years old using henna/henna-based products.
- Black henna and red henna is never used on children.
- It is preferable that non-henna products are used to create mehndi patterns.
- Parental permission must be gained before staff mehndi paint children over the age of three years old.

- Children prone to allergies, anaemic or suffering from any illness that may compromise their immune system are never painted under any circumstances.

Further guidance

Good Practice in Early Years Infection Control (Pre-school Learning Alliance 2009)

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Signed by committee chairperson

Signed by preschool manager
