

Information for Families

Playgroups at Reynard Street Neighbourhood House

Our Community Playgroups offer a facilitated playgroup where young children aged 0-5 years can socialise, play and learn new skills in an environment set up just for them. A staff member and/or volunteers will set up the activities and provide support during the session but your child remains your responsibility during that time. Our playgroups are also a wonderful way for parents to connect with other families in our community and build lasting friendships and support.

About the Sessions:

- Staff/volunteers will set up indoor and outdoor play stations and activities.
- Playgroup runs from 10am -12pm. Tick your name off on the attendance record each time you come to playgroup.
- Families can arrive and leave anytime – we want to offer a very relaxed session!
- Around 11.40am, everyone assists to pack away toys and equipment for 5-10 minutes group time. During group time we share a song and/or story before the playgroup ends.
- Bring a hat/warm coat depending on the weather, a drink bottle and snack. There is no specific snack time, we just ask that children have eaten and packed food away before the pack up and group time.

Health and Safety

- RSNH has a specific responsibility to provide a safe and healthy environment for all its members. Every parent and caregiver attending Playgroup must be responsible for the welfare and safety of their own child/ren but there is a collective responsibility of the whole group to ensure all children can play safely.
***Please also refer to the Child Protection Policy and the Child Safety Code of Conduct**
- Your child is always your responsibility at playgroup. If you need to go to the toilet or go to your car, please make sure you ask someone else you have trust in to keep an eye on your child or children.
- No nuts or nut products to be brought into the playgroup room or outdoor garden.
- Children must not share food, or drinks with other children unless they are family members. Please discuss with the child's carer before offering any food to children during special occasions.
- Due to limited space, please check with staff about pram parking.
- The door to the playgroup room must always remain closed after entering or exiting room.



- The back garden gate to the outdoor park area must always remain closed after entering or exiting the garden.
- If you or your child are experience any cold or flu-like symptoms, such as fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, please do not attend playgroup.

General:

- Respectful, positive communication with staff, volunteers, parents and children at all times please.
- Please bring a spare change of clothes – the wetter and muddier, the better time your child has had playing outside!
- There is sunscreen for families to use, located on the sign-in shelf.
- All dirty nappies need to go in your nappy bag or in the bin outside down the side of the house.
- We have a lost property box in the playgroup where any lost items in the playgroup will be placed.

Please also refer to the following relevant policies and documents:

| Name |
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| Playgroup Policy |
| Child Protection Policy |
| Child Safety Code of Conduct |
| Sun Smart Policy |
| Workplace Health and Safety Manual |
| Child Safe Standards Available at: https://providers.dhhs.vic.gov.au/child-safe-standards |