

GALLOPING GUMNUT MOBILE CHILDREN'S SERVICES VAN INC

TEA AND COFFEE POLICY

STATEMENT:

It is important for parents to enjoy their experience at Galloping Gumnut Playsessions by interacting with staff, children and other adults. This includes being able to have a hot cup of tea and coffee whilst relaxing and having a chat to other parents. However, we all need to be aware of the temperature of the liquid and how dangerous hot tea or coffee is around children.

OBJECTIVE:

To ensure the safety of all children at the sessions by eliminating the risk of them being scald by a hot cup of tea or coffee.

IMPLEMENTATION:

- Hot drinks must not be left sitting on any bench, table, mat or floor surface.
- Hot drinks must at all times be held in an ADULTS hand.
- No hot drinks are to be had whilst sitting on the mat or at the table where there are children around.
- No hot drinks are to be made or consumed whilst cutting the fruit, wiping tables, cleaning up equipment, etc. It is at these times when we tend not to watch our cup and children can quickly and easily grab the hot drink from where it is sitting and pull it onto themselves.
- We would prefer that you enjoyed your hot drink, whilst outside supervising your child/ren from a short distance. Or have it whilst standing back from the children at morning tea time. This will vary from session to session as to what works best, but consult with staff and they will help decide what the safest solution is.
- If you see any hot drinks sitting down unattended, it is up to you to pick it up and either return it to the person having it and remind them not to leave it there or tip it out.