

SECTION 3 HEALTH & SAFETY POLICIES

5.2 Bathing Policy

Aim:

1. To ensure the safety of all children attending The Gums Childcare Centre.
2. To establish bathing procedures.

Process:

1. Staff must ensure that another staff member is aware of where they are and who the child is, and why the bathing is required before using the bathing facilities.
2. Staff must rinse the tub and prepare the area prior to attending to the child.
3. Staff will ensure that the water temperature is not too hot or cold and that everything is in easy reach for the educator who is washing the child.
4. A second staff member should assist by staying in the area while the first staff member attends to the child.
5. **At no time shall a staff member leave a child alone in the bath**
6. Staff must ensure that the bath is emptied immediately after use.
7. Staff must ensure that children never share bath water.