



Squidge, squish, paint, explore, sing, dance!

NEW CUSTOMER BOOKING – USEFUL INFORMATION SHEET!

At ARTventurers, our overriding priority is to make sure that all children, parents and carers who attend our classes are able to do so in a fun and relaxed but also safe and secure environment. Please read this information sheet carefully before coming to your first class and if you have any concerns or queries please contact your class leader prior to coming along.

What should my child wear?

For the baby classes, babies will be fine in a vest or T shirt and nappy and an old pair of trousers or leggings if you want to cover up their little legs. In the older classes we provide T shirts to wear over normal clothes. Please ensure your child's torso is covered at all times. We try our very best to ensure that we use materials that won't stain however we can't promise that some staining won't occur so old clothes only please! We do sell ARTventurers T shirts and baby vests – these aren't compulsory but some parents do purchase them for wearing at the classes. They are ideal for messy play at home too!

What should I bring to the sessions?

You will probably want to bring spare clothes and a towel with you so that you can change your child at the end of the session. You might also want to bring along a couple of carrier bags or something similar to carry any pieces of artwork home with you together with any messy/painty clothes!

What should grown ups wear?

We simply suggest that you wear clothes that you are comfortable in and that you're not frightened of getting a bit messy! As above, although we try to ensure that the materials and paints we use are washable, we can't guarantee that staining won't occur on your clothes too.

Health and Safety:

Safety of all ARTventurers members is paramount – we want to make sure that the children who attend the sessions (and their grown ups) have lots of creative, colourful, messy fun in a safe and secure environment. Your child does remain your responsibility while at ARTventurers sessions and must be supervised throughout.

Young children explore not only with their hands but at times with their mouths so we make sure that everything we use is non toxic. The materials used in ARTventurers sessions are all sourced from trusted suppliers / high street retailers / well known supermarkets and are provided in the knowledge that parents and carers supervise the children while they play with them. Whilst all the materials we use are non-toxic, we'd rather the children refrained from eating them!

If your child suffers from any allergies or medical conditions then it is vital that you indicate it on the booking form or send your branch a message so they can adapt any activities accordingly. We will often use foodstuffs or edible paints as part of the sensory and creative play activities at the sessions. It is your responsibility to ensure that your child does not come into contact with anything that may cause him/her to suffer an allergic reaction.

Whilst we endeavour to clear all spillages as soon as they have occurred, some of the materials can cause the play area to become slippery so please, NO running. All materials are made in the knowledge that they are to be played with under a parent / carer's supervision. We appreciate your help in trying to avoid unnecessary / intentional pouring of materials outside of their immediate play areas so that everyone enjoys the experience and if you see any spills please let us know straight away so we can clear them up.

Photography

During the session your ARTventurers class leader may take photographs of the children participating in the activities. We do this for planning and recording purposes but we often also share photographs on social media including Facebook and may use some photographs in marketing materials. If you do not wish your child to be included in such photographs then that isn't a problem. Our booking form asks you to indicate whether or not you consent to photographs.

Names will not be used alongside any photographs unless your specific consent has been sought to this.

During the session you'll also notice that other parents will often take photographs of their own children taking part in the activities to record special memories. Inevitably this may sometimes involve other children being in the background. We understand that there may be some circumstances eg legal reasons where a particular child must not be included in photographs in this way. If this is the case and you do not wish your child to be included in any photos please raise this with your class leader and we can discuss it with you. In some circumstances we may request that no photos be taken in a particular session so that all children can participate fully. On occasion there may be a need for authorised third parties to take photographs during our sessions and events. This may include professional photographers and venue staff. Any third parties will be highlighted at the beginning of any class / event / party.

Child Protection and Safeguarding

All members of the ARTventurers Team are fully committed to providing a safe, secure and inclusive environment for all children and parents/carers attending our classes. A copy of our written Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy is available to all parents and carers on request – just ask your class leader!

We look forward to meeting you and your little one soon for lots of colourful, creative fun!

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