



PLAYGROUP SA
Playing, learning, supporting families

Planning for Playgroup



What activities are you going to provide at playgroup?

You will need to do some planning for each playgroup session so that you know what activities you are going to provide, what resources you will need and when you will do those activities. Sometimes activities will just be for one session and at other times you will offer the same activity at every session. You will also need to think about why you are going to do the activities. How will doing the activity help the children or the adults? To help you plan for the activities ask yourself the following questions:

- How old are the children?
- What skills should they be able to do for their age?
- What can the children do already?
- What skills do they need to learn?
- What activities will help the children to learn and practise these skills?
- What activities do the children enjoy doing?
- What activities do the parents and caregivers enjoy doing with their children?

Offer a variety of activities

Children enjoy a variety of activities at playgroup so you will need to be organised and ready to offer a range of activities at each session. You can add variety by changing some of the activities each week. Think about the following:

- Change the puzzles in the puzzle area
- Change the books in the reading area
- Add some dolls or dress ups to the home corner
- Add some different things to the Home Corner eg change the toy food
- Use different things for painting rather than brushes
- Have morning tea outside instead of inside
- Put out different toys, eg blocks, construction toys and games

A daily or weekly program will help you and the families to know what activities are planned for the session. Some programs will use words. Some programs will use photos or pictures to show what activities will be happening at playgroup.



How did things go?

It is important to think about what happened at playgroup at the end of the session or at the end of the week. It will help you to ask the following questions:

- How did the session go today?
- Did the children and the families enjoy the activities?
- What worked well?
- What didn't work well?
- What would you change for next time?

A sample Review Form has been provided below for you to use, or you can make your own if necessary.

PLAYGROUP SESSION REVIEW	Details
How did the session go?	
Did the children and the families enjoy the activities?	
What worked well?	
What didn't work well?	
What would you change for next time?	