



## Terms & Conditions

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*Please read this if you would like your or your child's face painted:*

- Each face takes approximately 3-6 minutes, so on average I can paint between 12 and 14 children an hour
- I do not advise face painting on a child less than three years of age but at my discretion I will paint on their arm or leg instead. This is for your child's comfort and welfare.
- The face painting products I use have all been thoroughly tested and the paints are skin safe, and I have been using the brands for over 26 years with never an incident, but I am always willing to do a tester on their arm first. For hygiene reasons I always use a clean sponge per child.
- I will not paint children with cold sores, conjunctivitis, sties, head lice, open sores or other obvious rashes or abrasions (even if they are not still contagious ) Neither will I paint a child with an obvious cold or dried on 'nose debris'. This is for your child's welfare and that of my kit! 😊
- Parents/carers must take full responsibility in allowing children to be painted, and I reserve the right not to paint an unaccompanied child. Please do not ask me to 'watch' your child in the queue while you go shopping, as I am here to do face painting!
- Please do not let children in your care crowd too close to the face painting table or chair so as to avoid any jogging of children being painted, or accidental 'fingers in paints'. Please supervise and control any children in your care when queuing. I do not want to accidentally step on your child if I do not notice that they are standing right behind me.
- If I have finished my stint and have closed the queue- I have finished- and I often have another booking to get to, so please do not ask me to fit in 'Just one more' as a refusal is awkward for all and may upset your child.
- Please make sure your child has a clean face if they have been eating or drinking before presenting them for face painting, as I will not paint a dirty face.
- I will always encourage a child who is reluctant, but I will only paint a child who wants to be painted, is old enough to understand what is happening and to ask for what they want themselves (hence from age 3 and above) but I will not paint anyone who clearly does not wish to be painted, or shows confusion, distress or anxiety, regardless of the parents'/ guardian's wishes. I can offer to paint an arm if they are not sure about having their face painted- but it has to be their choice whether to be painted or not.
- I will not paint any racial or 'gang culture' symbols or anyone who appears to be under the influence of drink or drugs, or who is abusive in any way either to me, or anyone in my queue.
- I am a professional face painter and as such have full public liability cover, and have been CRB checked, (even though this is actually not required for face painters.) I am a long standing member of FACE (the face painting association). Every FACE member must undertake an annual check on ability and standards.

*Removal of Paint from Faces and/or Clothing:*

The paint/cosmetic glitter will come off faces with warm water and mild soap on a flannel. BABY WIPES are NOT advised for removal as they are made for babies' bottoms to repel moisture and Facial wipes are made for oil based foundation removal so also NOT advised. If your child rubs their face and gets any paint on their clothing it should come out with household soap or a wash in the washing machine. A soak in Biotex, Vanish or similar will normally shift any stubborn marks.

### *Safety Information:*

The face painting products I use are fully tested and very safe. They are water based, and are from long-standing companies such as Kryolan, Paradise, Grimas, Cameleon, Superstar, Wolfe, DFX, TAG and Snazaroo among others. These paints are easily removed from skin with soap and water. I use a one sponge per child policy. For hygiene reasons I will never use the same sponge on any other child until the sponge has been thoroughly cleaned.

I am very proud of my kit and I like to keep it clean while in use. I feel these steps help to lessen the likelihood of inadvertently passing on germs from one child to another.

Any glitters I use are polyester (not metallic) cosmetic grade, and especially produced for face painting, so are safe to use on the face. The glue used for glitter tattoos is skin safe, and the temporary and glitter tattoos I use are not Henna based and therefore not permanent or likely to last longer than a week. Temporary Tattoos are waterproof in a bath or shower unless rubbed. They naturally fade over a week or so, but if you wish to remove them before they have faded, just use a wet soapy cloth and rub gently. A little baby or olive oil will help remove glue from glitter tattoos.

### *Further clarification on why I do not paint faces of children under three years old:*

The following information has been gathered from a Biomedical Scientist (who is also a face painter) in consultation with a doctor.

Irritant Contact Dermatitis: Fragrances and dyes are known to be irritating to young babies' skin and Cosmetics Europe, the cosmetic industry's European trade association stipulates that cosmetics products intended for use on children below the age of three must undergo a specific safety assessment.

Allergic Contact Dermatitis: This occurs when the immune system reacts against a specific substance as if it were trying to attack the body. This substance is then called an allergen. You only need a small amount of allergen in contact with the skin to cause a rash and this can happen even after years of uneventful use of the same product. Children are not born with this type of allergy – they must have previously come into contact with the allergen which has then 'sensitized' the immune system. Once sensitized, the skin reacts and becomes inflamed with it comes into further contact with the allergen.

The paint I use is proven safe for skin use.... The above information relates only to its use on young children.

The main reasoning behind the advice to NOT paint the face of an under three years old is that the skin on the face is thinner than on most other parts of the body... child OR adult... but on young children it is **much** thinner and more sensitive than other parts of their body. Therefore products that may be perfectly fine on an older child or an adult, or on other areas (such as arms and legs), can cause irritation and rashes on young facial skin... especially on the eye and mouth area.

At the moment the above is ADVICE and not law... but as a responsible Face Painter, Parent and Grandparent, I want to do everything in my power to avoid any possible future problems on the young faces I paint, and for this reason I will not compromise on my policy of only painting faces of over three year olds.

So please understand if I say I cannot paint your toddler... it is not me being awkward... it is for their safety.