



29. SUN SAFETY

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This policy has been communicated to parents/guardians.

Relevant staff know the requirements and have a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities in relation to this policy.

Relevant staff have received training on this policy.

Statement of Intent: We will work with staff and parents/guardians to achieve sun safety.

Policy:

The Service requests that parents/guardians:

- Apply sun cream to their child/children before they attend the Service. It is the responsibility of the parents to apply sun cream to their child/children.
- Provide a sunhat for children.

The Service will ensure that:

- On very hot days children will have reduced exposure to sunlight.
- Where possible, children can seek shade when outside in the sun.
- Ensure that children will wear a sunhat if provided by the parent.

We will work towards Sun safety through the following:

Education:

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- Discussion with the older children about the sun and the need for protection.
- Letter to be sent to parents/guardians and guardians with regard to sun cream and protection.
- Time spent in discussion at staff meetings about sun safety in the garden.

Protection:

- Large sun canopies/umbrellas may be used for shade around the garden.

Timetabling:

- Children will spend more time playing outside before 11.00am and after 3.00pm, and less time over lunchtime.

Clothing:

- We will actively encourage all children to wear a hat when playing outside – for any length of time.
- A small supply of hats will be available for those children who have forgotten their own.

Sunscreen:

- It is parents'/guardians' responsibility to apply sun cream to their children before entering the Service.

Drinks:

- Water will be available at all times in the classroom.
- Water will also be available in the garden while children are playing.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____

Name:

Person responsible for approving the Policy

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