



Sun Protection Policy

Policy Statement

I will do everything I can to ensure that your child is protected from the damaging effects of exposure to the sun.

Procedure (How I will put the policy statement into practice)

Throughout the summer and on sunny days, I will need you to provide your child with:

- High factor children's sun cream* that can be left in my setting (ideally SPF40-50 with a 4-5 star rating);
- A sun hat/cap (preferably a Legionnaires' hat to protect the neck)
- A thin top/cardigan/T-shirt with long sleeves
- Sun cream should be applied to your child's skin on any exposed areas (face, arms, neck, shoulders, legs, ears, etc.) before they arrive at my setting, to allow time for it to be absorbed into the skin and become effective.

In order to ensure the safety of your child on sunny days, I will also take the following precautions:

- I will reapply sun cream at intervals recommended on the NHS website and as necessary if children have been playing in the water or in a paddling pool. (Please sign the consent form giving permission for me to do this.)
- I will place the most popular resources and water-based activities in shaded areas of the garden wherever possible.
- I will ensure that children seek shade or come indoors for adequate breaks, particularly between the hours of 11am and 3pm, when the sun is at its hottest.
- Children will have continual access to water and will be encouraged to stay hydrated during and after being outside in the sun.

Please ensure you have read and understand the Sun Protection policy and procedure.

All policies and procedures are reviewed regularly and updated when necessary.

This policy and procedure has been developed in line with the EYFS welfare requirements and Ofsted guidance, and outlines the provider's responsibility to take all necessary steps to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

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