



Sun Protection Policy

This policy has been written in line with guidance from 'Sun safe' - a national accreditation programme which assists settings in their duty to care and safeguard children against UV damage and prevent skin cancer through education.

It is vital that children are adequately protected against damage by the sun. We will work with staff, parents and carers to achieve this by taking the following precautions;

1. It is the parent's responsibility to provide us with sun creams of an appropriate factor level (above factor 30) and suitable for your child's skin.
2. It is the parents responsibility to provide us with adequate protective clothing e.g. sun hats, sun glasses and clothing to cover shoulders and backs.
3. It is the nursery responsibility to apply sun cream appropriately e.g. individual creams, following instructions & applying before going outside and re-applying throughout the day etc.
4. We will monitor the time spent in the sun and the outdoor temperatures e.g. times of the day relating to the strength of the sun, length of outdoor sessions, providing shaded areas and provision for various activities.
5. Children will spend more time in the garden before 11am and after 3pm during sunny weather. In extreme hot weather, garden use will be kept to a minimum to avoid prolonged sessions in the sun.
6. Nursery staff will discuss sun protection with the children appropriate to their age and understanding.
7. All staff will be educated about the importance of sun protection and the risks involved in protecting both themselves and others.
8. Staff will be encouraged to wear sun hats/sun cream and sunglasses to provide positive role models to the children.
9. Staff will closely monitor the levels of sun cream and keep parents updated when new bottles are required. In the event of a child not having suncream at nursery, parents will be contacted to bring some into the nursery. In the event, this is not possible, nursery will stock sun cream which (with parental consent) can be purchased and used on their child.