

## **Butterflies Montessori Nursery**

### **Sun Protection Policy**

At Butterflies Montessori Nursery we are committed to protecting the children in our care. We acknowledge the importance of sun protection and want staff and children to enjoy the sun safely when playing outside at nursery, especially during the summer months of May - October. We will work with staff and parents to achieve this through:

#### **EDUCATION**

The following measures are in place:

- The children will discuss sun safety as part of circle time during the summer term.
- All children have access to sun safe pictures to reinforce the sun protection messages.
- Our summer poem reinforces the sun safe message to the children.

#### **PROTECTION**

The nursery aims to:

##### **Provide Shade:**

- When the sun is strong we will encourage children to sit/play in the shade where it is available
- The nursery lawn area provides ample shade during nursery sessions
- The children have a tent and may make wigwams with sheeting to provide instant shade

##### **Ensure children wear appropriate clothing:**

- Parents are encouraged to provide named hats that cover the ears, face and neck
- We would ask parents to dress children in light clothing that covers their children's shoulders, preferable with longer sleeves and longer shorts.

##### **Ensure sunscreen has been applied:**

- Parents should apply sunscreen at home to ensure their child is adequately protected in nursery.
- All day sunscreens are now on the market
- As sun cream contains active ingredients is deemed a medicine by the local authority, as such the nursery requires prior written permission to administer/apply it. Parents MUST complete the 'Sun Cream Consent Form' given to you before your child attends nursery.
- Parents with children who attend all day and require their child to have a second application of sunscreen must give consent stated on the 'Sun Cream Consent form' and provide the nursery with a clearly labeled bottle of sunscreen (that is not past its expiration date), at least factor SPF 30.
- The nursery DOES carry spare supplies of sunscreen, but you MUST confirm this brand of sun cream is suitable for your child and not allergic to one or more of the ingredients- see 'Sun cream Consent Form'.
- The nursery CAN NOT apply sunscreen to children who have not completed the permission form.
- The nursery WILL NOT share or loan parents other children's sunscreen.

#### **PARENTAL CONSENT FORM FOR ADMINISTERING SUNSCREEN**

In keeping with local authority guidance and our **Sun protection policy**, the nursery will not apply sunscreen to your child unless you complete and sign the **Sun Cream Consent form** and provide a clearly labeled bottle of sunscreen.

This policy was reviewed and amended April 2023

(Policies dated and signed by Manager in nursery 'Policy and Procedure File')