

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health

Statement of intent: Children are encouraged to access the outdoor play spaces as much as possible, but during the summer months we are aware of the need to protect them from the harmful rays of the sun.

We have therefore developed this policy.

7.10 Sun protection policy

We aim to operate a free flow access between the inside and outside areas during the session. There will also be occasions when we take them offsite to enjoy the local amenities. By taking what measures we can to protect the children in our care from the harmful effects of the sun we can help reduce the risk of skin cancer in later life caused by UV radiation.

It is our policy that all children must wear sunscreen regardless of skin colouring during the summer months.

Parents/ carers will be asked to provide a sun hat for their child. Hats should protect the face, neck, ears and crown of the head to help prevent damage to the skin from the sun. Hats should be labelled and placed in the child's tray.

It is requested that all children arrive already wearing sunscreen during the summer months. Should the child be attending an all day session, we also request that each parent provide a bottle of factor 30 or higher sunscreen for their child, clearly labelled with the child's name so that a practitioner can apply further sunscreen to the child before afternoon activities to provide continual protection throughout the day.

Parents/ carers will therefore be asked to sign a permission form, stating that they will supply sunscreen for their child and that a member of staff can help children apply their own sunscreen correctly before afternoon outdoor activities.

In the event that the children do not have their own sunscreen in school, SPF 50+, broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen will be applied with permission from the parent/ carer in the afternoon session.

Parents / carers of children who have a medical reason which prevents them from wearing sunscreen, will be asked to provide a suitable alternative.

For health & safety reasons each child must have their own sunscreen.

Staff will discuss regularly how to keep children safe in the sun and our routines will be regularly evaluated.

Play outdoors will be in shaded areas as best is possible with staff modelling this and moving equipment as may be necessary to achieve this.

☐This policy was adopted at a meeting of	Fyfield Village Pre-School Ltd
Held on	August 2019
Date to be reviewed	August 2020
Signed on behalf of the provider	
Name of signatory	Lisa Carey
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owner)	Director