



Sun Safety Policy

This policy is to be read in conjunction with:

- EY18 Outdoor play
- HS21 Safeguarding;

Purpose

It is important for children to access our outdoor space in all types of weather to access both physical development and multiple learning opportunities.

We want children and staff to enjoy the sun safely. In order to do this, we ask parents to support us by following our procedures.

Procedure

- Parents are asked to provide a clearly labelled sunhat, which ideally would be kept at the nursery over the summer months.
- Hopscotch will provide sun cream; this will be a hypoallergenic and extra water-resistant children's factor 50.
- Parents must give permission for Hopscotch to use the sun cream we provide upon registration.
- If the sun cream Hopscotch provides is not suitable for a child who has an allergy or a severe sensitivity, then we ask that the parent brings in their own cream clearly labelled. The usual allergy policy will also be followed in this instance.
- Sun cream must be used on all children regardless of skin type and ethnicity.
- Children will not be allowed in the garden unless they have a sun hat on, and sun cream applied.
- Sun cream will be re applied in accordance with the instructions on the label.
- Shaded areas will be available for children in the garden.
- Managers and room leaders will assess the weather on particularly hot days and decide on what best suits the safety of the children. This may mean playing outside for short intervals or playing indoors /in shaded areas between the time of 11.00am and 3.00pm as this is when the sun is at its hottest.
- Drinks will always be made available; we may ask you to bring in a familiar cup or water bottle from home as this can sometimes help the children drink more.
- We recommend that children wear t-shirts rather than tops with thin straps to prevent sunburn.

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