



Early Years Sun Safe Policy

Aims

The aim of this Sun Safety Policy is to protect children and staff from the harmful effects of ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun.

The main elements of this policy are:

- **Protection:** Providing an environment that enables children and staff to stay safe in the sun.
- **Education:** Teaching children and staff about sun safety to increase awareness and encourage positive habits.
- **Partnership:** Working with parents to reinforce sun safety awareness and promote healthy practices both at school and at home.

Protection

- When the sun is strong, and temperatures are high, children will be encouraged to play in shaded areas.
- Canopies or umbrellas will be provided in all outdoor play areas to offer additional shade.
- Hats must be worn by all children and staff when outside. Parents must provide a clearly named sun hat to be kept at school.
- Parents are required to supply their child with their own brand of sun cream (SPF 30 or higher), clearly labelled with the child's name. Sun cream should be applied before coming to school each day.
- Staff will supervise or assist with the reapplication of sun cream at regular intervals throughout the day as it can be sweated or rubbed off. Sun cream will be applied to the face, lower arms, lower legs, and neck, as other areas will remain covered by clothing.
- The school will keep a spare bottle of hypoallergenic sun cream (such as *Altruist SPF 30*) for emergency use when a child's own sun cream is missing.
- Staff must model sun-safe behaviour, including wearing hats and applying sun cream before going outside.

Collaboration

- The school cannot fully protect children without the support of parents.
- Parents agree to:
 - Supply their child with a labelled hat and suitable sun cream (SPF 30 or higher).
 - Apply sun cream before school each morning.
 - Encourage their child to practise sun-safe behaviour at home.

Education

- Children will learn about sun safety as part of the curriculum and daily routines.
- Staff will discuss sun safety during circle times, outdoor play and relevant lessons to help children understand the importance of protecting themselves from the sun.

- Sun safety education will be integrated into school life in a natural and age-appropriate way, just like brushing teeth or washing hands.
- Staff will receive regular training and reminders on sun safety during staff meetings to ensure consistent practice.

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