

# PROTECTING CHILDREN FROM THE SUN POLICY



*The aim of this policy is to ensure that safe protection of children skin whilst outside playing during sunny weather that has the potential to burn or harm the skin.*

- Parents/Carers are to apply sunscreen to their child prior to each session.
- Parents/Carers are to supply a named bottle of hypo-allergenic and water-resistant sunscreen SPF 50 (minimum 30) that will remain at nursery and be used by staff to top up application if required. Parents/Carers must ensure that the sunscreen is in date, named and that it has been previously applied to minimise the risk of an allergic reaction.
- Parental/Carers consent is required prior to application of sunscreen.
- Parents/Carers are to supply a named wide brim all round hat to protect neck and eyes.
- Staff ensure children wear their named sun hats outside to protect neck and eyes.
- Staff will top up sunscreen using the child's named bottle of sunscreen and apply to all uncovered areas of skin.
- Staff will top up sunscreen if the child has been playing in water.
- Staff ensure that areas of shade are provided for all children playing outdoors.
- Staff ensure that drinking water is readily available at all times.
- Staff ensure that babies under 12 months should be kept out of direct sunlight.
- Parents/Carers and Staff need to be aware that ultraviolet rays can still be harmful on breezy or cloudy days and the above precautions need to be taken.