

# Sun Awareness Policy

## Aims

- To protect children while they are in our care in the nursery.
- To help work in partnership with parents to protect children at other times.
- To help children understand the importance of keeping themselves safe in the sun.

## Objectives

1. Staff to educate themselves about the risk of sunburn
2. Staff to provide protective care over the summer months between April and September
3. Staff to take particular care when children are outside during the hottest part of the day between 11am and 3pm. During this period children should:
  - Wear clothing covering shoulders and arms
  - Only be outside for limited periods, when it is sunny
  - Wear appropriate sunscreen
4. Parents should apply sunscreen to their children prior to coming to Nursery. If necessary, children will be asked to re-apply during the session. Staff will monitor application.
5. Parents will be informed about the nursery policy and be encouraged to keep their children safe in the sun through:
  - A newsletter at the beginning of term
  - Informal information with staff

- Appropriate use of sunscreen
  - Appropriate eye protection with brimmed hat and ideally sun glasses with UV filters
6. At the beginning of the summer term staff will explain to children about the need to keep safe in the sun and how to do this.
7. Information will be given out again in August.

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