

Sun Protection

Policy Statement

The children at Little Learners Nursery are encouraged to access the outdoor area as much as possible throughout the year; therefore in the summer months it is important that all children are protected from the harmful rays of the sun.

Procedures

- Parents are required to provide suncream for their child. The NHS guidance states that suncream should have a sun protector factor (SPF) of at least 15+ however we suggest the highest SPF possible in order to ensure the best level of protection. This must be labelled with your child's name and be dated as to when it was first opened to ensure the suggested use by date is not exceeded. Children are not permitted to share suncream therefore each child must have their own bottle provided. Children who do not have suncream will be unable to use the outdoor area.
- Where appropriate children are encouraged to help apply their suncream with adult supervision to ensure correct application.
- Permission to apply suncream is given by the parent signing permission in the child's Personal Details Record.
- Children must have a suitable hat and this must be worn at all times when accessing the outdoor area. Where some children forget their hat the nursery has a limited number of spares available. Children who continuously arrive without a suitable hat will be unable to use the outdoor area.
- We will encourage children to cover up very exposed areas of their skin such as; their shoulders.
- During the summer months; when the temperature is particularly high the children will not access the outdoor area between the hours of 11am and 3pm.
- The garden area is quite open and the amount of shade is limited therefore practitioners will endeavour to provide sunshade cover over some of the outdoor area for extra protection. Practitioners will encourage children to play within the shaded areas.
- We follow additional advice and suggestions given by the local authority regarding sun protection.

Education

In order to raise awareness of why we need sun protection practitioners will have interactive discussions with the children. This will include why we need to be protected from the suns'

rays and how this can be done. This will be re-enforced regularly particularly during the summer months.

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