



Sun Protection Policy

Statement of intent

Children are encouraged to access outdoor play as much as possible, but during the summer months we are aware of the need to protect them from the harmful rays of the sun. We have therefore developed this policy.

At Little Oaks, outside activities are freely available to the children. By taking what measures we can to protect the children in our care from the harmful effects of the sun we can help reduce the risk of skin cancer in later life caused by UV radiation.

Practice

- Include sun-safety in our summer term activities.
- It is our policy that all children must wear sunscreen that is appropriate for their skin, during the summer months
- Parents will be asked to provide a named sun hat for their child. Spare hats are available for children who have forgotten their own.
- **It is requested that all children arrive already wearing sun-screen during the summer months.**
- **Children who attend Pre School all day will also need to bring named sun cream to be kept in school unless they are wearing sun protection that lasts all day.**
- Parental permission will be requested in writing to apply this sun-screen to the child before afternoon outdoor activities, to provide continual protection throughout the day.
- Parents will therefore be asked to sign a permission form, stating that they will supply sunscreen for their child, and that a member of staff can help children apply their own sunscreen correctly before afternoon outdoor activities.
- In the event that children do not have their own sunscreen in school, SPF 50+, broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen will be applied with permission from the parent/carer.
- Parents / carers of children who have a medical reason which prevents them from wearing sun screen, will be asked to provide a suitable alternative.
- Water is always readily available to the children throughout the year, but in the warmer months we place greater emphasis on the children having a regular fluid intake, as small children can dehydrate very quickly.
- During periods of exceptionally hot weather we will ensure that children access the outdoor area at cooler times of the day ie before 11am. Where possible, play outdoors will take place in shaded areas.

If you have any concerns regarding this policy please speak to a member of staff.

PARENTAL PERMISSION FOR SUN PROTECTION

Please tick and sign and return to us as soon as possible

- **During the summer months, I will apply a suitable sunscreen before my child arrives at school.**
- If my child attends Pre School all day, I will supply a named sun cream, to be kept at school.
- I give Little Oaks staff permission to apply my child's own sunscreen, to my child, before outdoor activities when necessary.
- In the event that my child does not have his/her own sunscreen at school I give permission for Early-Years staff to apply an alternative SPF50+ when necessary.
- I will provide a named sun hat for my child

Name of Child

Signature of parent/guardian _____ Date _____

Signature of member of staff _____

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Please note that consents given on this form can be withdrawn at any time by writing to:-
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Or email office@northchapelprimary.co.uk