



Sun Protection Policy

Aims

We acknowledge the importance of sun protection and we wish for staff, children, parents and volunteers to enjoy the sun safely. St John's Preschool actively encourages children to have access to our outdoor learning area and have developed this policy to protect our children during the summer months.

Policy

St Johns Preschool will:

1. Encourage children to seek shade when the sun is extremely strong.
2. During a 'heat wave' emergency fans will be used for the main room, windows and doors will be kept open for air to circulate, children will only be allowed outside when the sun is cooler, first thing in the morning and late afternoon. Shade will be provided outside by a gazebo and den building materials.
3. Ensure that we have co-operation from parents and carers to provide their children with adequate sun hats, glasses and sun cream to protect the children when they are playing outside.
4. Parents must inform staff if they have forgotten their child's sun protection.
5. Ensure that the children are able to access their water bottles outside on hot days.
6. Encourage the children to have limited time outside during intense heat and possibly close the outdoor area during 11am until 2pm on such days.
7. Give information to parents on the guidelines and rules within pre-school on applying sun protection.
8. Gain consent from parents for staff to re-apply sun cream for those children who are staying all day at our setting.

Parents of children who have medical reasons why they cannot wear sun cream will be asked to seek doctor's advice and provide their child with a suitable alternative.

Procedure

- St John's preschool request that parents apply sun cream before their child attends the pre-school.
- Parents will be responsible for the 1st application to be applied to their child.
- If a child is staying within the setting longer than 3 hours then the staff will re-apply provided lotion.
- Parents are asked to supply a bottle of sun cream (factor 30+ with water play resistant). This bottle will need to be named and for health and safety reasons cannot be used for another child (except for the circumstance that this other child is a sibling).
- Please ensure that this sun cream is placed in the tray provided.
- Parental permission will be requested to re-apply sun cream so the pre-school can continue to provide the protection for the rest of the day.
- Parents will be asked to provide a sun hat and sun glasses if they wish which must be named.
- Staff will ensure that they are role models for children and will wear sun cream, sun glasses and sun hats where each individual feels this type of protection is suitable.