

## 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.*

- Staff ensure all children wear sun hats outside, preferably with a wide brim all round to protect neck and eyes.
- Staff apply sunscreen to all uncovered areas of skin. Sunscreen should be at least SPF 25 and ideally hypo-allergenic and water resistant.
- Children must have sun screen reapplied if they have been playing in water.
- Areas of shade are provided.
- Drinking water is readily available at all times
- Babies under 12 months should be kept out of direct sunlight
- 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.
- Parents/carers are asked to bring in sunscreen for their children.
- Parents/carers are required to provide sun hats for their children.
- Parental consent is required prior to administration of sun cream. Ideally the sun cream will have been tested at home to reduce risk of allergic reaction.
- Staff use a common sense approach when deciding to play outdoors in the bright sun.