

Sun Safety

Sun Safety Policy

To ensure the safety and well-being of the children during their time at nursery this policy must be followed in full.

Sun cream is provided and applied by nursery staff regularly throughout the day, parents are welcome to provide an alternative named sun cream for their child if they prefer. Parents are asked to apply sun cream prior to their nursery session, and staff will “top it up” throughout the day. Older children can be encouraged to develop their independence in applying sun cream but staff will supervise strictly and support to ensure thorough application. Sun cream is essential even in shaded areas or on cloudy days due to UVA rays.

Parents are asked to ensure their child attends with a named sun hat, and children will be encouraged to wear these at all times.

Drinking water will be available at all times and children will be regularly reminded that it is there and encouraged to drink.

Staff will monitor the time spent out in the sun during peak heat times (e.g. 12 noon and 3pm), and will make the decision to suspend use of the outdoor space in extreme heat. Staff will ensure children get to use the garden spaces during cooler times at the beginning and end of these days.

Parents are encouraged to dress their child in cool, loose layers, ideally with shoulders covered to protect children’s skin and keep them cool. Staff must ensure that children keep a layer of clothing on at all times.