



Greenfield Pre-School SUN SAFETY POLICY

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Greenfield Pre-School is committed to the health and safety of the children in its care.

Aim

Our aim in setting this policy is to protect children when playing in the sun at pre-school and to build an awareness of safe behaviour in the sun, establishing good habits for the future.

All children will be involved in a discussion, appropriate for their age and understanding at the start of the summer about sun protection and risks.

Sunsmart

Sunsmart¹ is the national skin cancer prevention campaign run by Cancer Research UK. The Sunsmart schools initiative encourages schools to develop and adopt sun protection policies. They are part of a broader campaign communicating effective skin cancer prevention messages to the general public. In compiling this policy, the school has referred to the guidance given. The five key **Sunsmart** skin cancer prevention messages are:

1. **Stay** in the shade from 11am to 3pm when you can
2. **Make** sure you never burn
3. **Always** cover up - wear a t-shirt, hat and wraparound sunglasses
4. **Remember** children burn more easily
5. **Then** use factor 15+ sunscreen

Shade

Where certain areas of play get very sunny, children will be discouraged from playing there in very hot weather and the outdoor gazebo will be used. We will make use of shaded areas such as trees and the woodland.

Timetabling

Children will spend more time in the garden areas before 11am and 3pm. It is our policy that all children will access the outdoor space at some point during the day.

Clothing

Parents should provide their child with a named sun hat or legionnaires cap from April onwards. In very warm weather and sunshine, children should wear loose cover up clothing. Children should not

¹ The SunSmart Campaign is supported by: The UV Health Promotion Group whose members include the British Association of Dermatologists, National Radiological Protection Board, Skin Care Campaign, Wessex Cancer Trust, Health and Safety Executive, Guide Dogs for the Blind.

come to pre-school in tops with thin shoulder straps as shoulders can burn quickly; t-shirts or cotton tops/dresses are preferable.

Sun cream

Parents of children that attend for a half day should apply sun cream to their child before they come to pre-school. Parents are encouraged to apply 8 hour sun cream which is now widely available.

For children who are at pre-school for over 8 hours a day for example, those who stop for breakfast and after school club, in addition to the core hours, if you think your child will need a 'top up' we will need your written consent to apply sun cream (Appendix A). We will provide a known brand of sun cream for the children which will be a minimum factor of 30.

Hydration

Children will have access to fresh drinking water throughout the day.

APPENDIX A

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SUNCREAM CONSENT

Name of child.....

I have read the Greenfield Pre-school Sun Safety policy and acknowledge it is my responsibility to ensure that sun cream is applied to my child at the start of the day.

I give my consent for staff at Greenfield Pre-School to apply sun cream to my child after 8 hours.

Signed..... Date.....

Parent/Carer

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