



SUN CARE POLICY

At Shiplake Village Nursery we are committed to ensuring that all children are fully protected from the dangers of too much sun/UV rays.

We use the following procedures to keep children safe and healthy in the sun:

- Key Persons will work with the parents of their key children to decide and agree on suitable precautions to protect children from burning, including those with more sensitive skin types and those that may be more tolerant to the sunshine, e.g. black and/or Asian colouring.
- Children must have a clearly labelled sun hat which will be worn at all times whilst outside in sunny weather. This hat will preferably be of legionnaires design (i.e. with an extended back and side to shield children's neck and ears from the sun) to provide additional protection.
- Children must have their own labelled high factor sun cream with prior written consent for staff to apply if parents feel this is required during the Nursery day. This enables children to have sun cream suitable for their own individual needs. Staff must be aware of the expiry date and discard sunscreen after this date. Older children are encouraged to apply their own sun cream with support from staff when required, to prepare them for going to school.
- Parents are requested to supply light-weight cotton clothing for their children suitable for the sun, with long sleeves and long legs.
- Children's safety and welfare in hot weather is the nursery's prime objective so staff will work closely with parents to ensure all appropriate cream and clothing is provided.
- Staff will make day-to-day decisions about the length of time spent outside depending on the strength of the sun; children will not be allowed in the direct sunlight between 11.00am – 3.00pm on hot days. Shade will be provided to ensure children are able to still go out in hot weather, cool down or escape the sun should they wish or need to. It will be obtained via gazebos and umbrellas when required.
- Parents are responsible for applying sun cream before Nursery and staff will only reapply when necessary.

- Children are encouraged to drink cooled water more frequently throughout sunny or warm days and this will be accessible both indoors and out.
- Children are made aware of the need for sun hats, sun cream and the need to drink more fluids during their time in the sun.

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Child's Name

Keyworker Name

I give consent for a member of the Nursery staff team to apply sun cream, when required, on my child.

I have provided a sun cream suitable for use on my child, in a named plastic bag. I confirm this product is 'in date' – this will be checked by staff prior to applying.

Please note – this does not give consent for staff to apply any other cream on your child – an additional form is required

This consent is valid for the academic year

Signed

Date