



Sun Protection Policy

Statement of intent

Toddington Childcare takes very seriously the health and safety of the children in its care. We acknowledge the advice given by Cancer Research UK and in particular it's SunSmart Campaign.

Aims

This policy aims to:-

- Protect the children of the setting when playing out in the sun.
- To help educate the children in safe behaviour in the sun.

Methods

- By ensuring that all children are adequately clothed in appropriate sun wear. This should consist of a short sleeved tee shirt or similar, and a floppy, wide brimmed, or legionnaire style hat.
- By ensuring that all children have had sunscreen applied before playing outside.
- In accordance with Cancer Research UK guidance we recommend the use of only factor 15 and above sunscreen.
- Where children are not adequately protected we will take steps to adapt our activities in order to protect them.
- We will request that parent's apply sunscreen to their child before bringing them to Toddington Childcare.
- We will ask all parents for written permission to apply factor 30 or above sunscreen or to provide their own if their child has an allergy.
- We will ensure any outdoor play is, where possible, outside of the hottest times of the day.
- When appropriate we will provide a shaded area to protect the children whilst they play.
- We operate 'free flow' play to ensure children can access the indoor play areas at all times enabling them to choose to continue their play indoors.
- We ensure an adequate supply of fresh drinking water is freely available and that the children know how to access it and are encouraged to do so if they feel thirsty or hot.
- By ensuring that safe sun behaviour is modelled by all staff, providing a positive role model to children at all times.

This policy was accepted at a Committee Meeting of Toddington Childcare at a meeting held in May 2019.

Signed on behalf of Toddington Childcare

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Chair to the committee of Toddington childcare