

Sun Safety Policy

At Sunny Socks Nursery School we want staff and children to enjoy the sun safely. We will use the sunny weather as an opportunity to educate the children about how to keep themselves safe in the sun. Many activities carried out during the day mean that children are outside and therefore exposed to the sun.

Procedures:

The garden area has open areas and shaded areas. During hot, sunny weather additional areas of shade will be added to the garden with the use of a gazebo. Activities will be encouraged in the shaded areas of the garden and orchard.

We ask parents/carers to remember to provide their children with the following items:

1. A sun hat covering as much of the face and neck as possible.
2. Suitable footwear to enable children to move freely but safely when outside.
Soles need to grip and be secure on the child's foot. No flip flops or similar sandals.
3. Clothing should be suitable for outdoor play and cover shoulders and backs.
4. Sun cream must be applied before the children arrive at nursery.
5. A named bottle of sun cream, at least SPF 30, to be kept at nursery during the summer months. **If parents do not provide sun cream then that child will not be able to go outside.**
6. All parents/carers will be asked to sign a consent form allowing nursery staff to apply sun cream to their child.

If permitted, Staff will apply the child's own sun cream again after lunch. If children are outside for extended periods of time the sun cream will be regularly reapplied.

Staff will:

- Ensure all children are adequately dressed and wearing a hat before going outside during the warmer weather.
- Apply sun cream to each child, washing hands between applications, after lunch and at regular intervals if outside for extended periods of time.
- Encourage children to play in the shade.
- Complete the sun cream application record each time sun cream is applied.