

Acorns Day Nursery

Sun safety policy

Our secure outdoor environment is an extension of indoors, offering a variety of play experiences which support learning and development. We have free flow between indoors and outdoors so that children can choose to be outside for much of the day if they wish, allowing individual learning styles. With this in mind it is important to make sure the children are safe throughout the year and in particular in the sun.

Children's skin is far more sensitive to that of adults, so it is important that children are encouraged to take the necessary precautions to protect themselves from the sun.

How we will do this:

- Talk to the children about sun safety at circle group and key person times re-enforcing why it is important.
- To get the children to help put on their own sun cream.

All parents will be expected to provide a sun hat and sun cream for their child of factor 50+, which will be put on at nursery and re applied in line with the manufactures guidelines.

We will encourage parents to dress their child in appropriate clothing that covers chests and shoulders to minimise exposure to the sun.

Our gardens have sun throughout the day and has very little shade which means that we need to be mindful of the time that the children spend in the outdoor space, and in particular during the hottest times of the day 11am- 3pm.

We are very lucky and have a sheltered area that leads straight off of both rooms, so the children are still able to benefit from being out in the fresh air and not be exposed to the sun.

It is also important to make sure that the children are kept hydrated and encouraged to have more to drink during the hotter months of the year.

Although we aim to involve the parents and children in promoting the importance of sun safety it is the nursery staff team that have a duty of care to the children and must make sure that the children are protected from the sun while in their care.

Staff are also encouraged to role model good sun safety.

Written records:

The parents will receive a letter to outline sun safety, and their expectations in providing the correct clothing, hat and sun cream as well as the written permission to apply the cream provided.

All applications of sun cream need to be recorded on the sun cream form.

Sun burn:

- If a child come into nursery with Sunburn this needs to be recorded on an accident/incident form and clearly stated that it happened while out of our care and signed by the parent before leaving their child.

If a child develops sunburn while at nursery:

- An accident/incident form needs to be filled out clearly stating what has happened.
- The Manager once informed who will then call the parent and advise them on what has happened.
- There will be an investigation into how the incident occurred.

Children who do not have sun cream or suitable clothing will be kept in the shaded areas.

Date:

