



Policy Name	Sun Safety Policy
Policy Reference	6.9

Purpose

This policy represents the agreed principles for sun protection throughout Grovelands Park Preschool and continues to reflect our status as a Healthy Preschool. We want our staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely. We believe that sun safety is important to ensure that children and staff are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays in sunlight. We will work with staff, children and parents/guardians to achieve this.

Scope

- Applies to all adults including the Committee/Board of Trustees, parents/carers, guardians, volunteers, paid staff, agency staff and anyone working on behalf of Grovelands Park Preschool;
- Recognises that the welfare of children and young people are paramount in all circumstances; and
- Aims to ensure that all children and young people have a positive and enjoyable experience in a safe and child centred environment and are protected from sun over exposure;

Policy Statement

- All children will engage in active conversations to learn about sun safety and protecting their skin;
- We will actively talk and promote how to be 'SunSmart' preceding the summer term every year;
- Before the summer term every year, parents/guardians will be reminded of the dangers of sun exposure and preventative measures, and informing them of our sun safety policy. It will explain what the preschool is doing about sun protection and how parents/carers/guardians are asked to help;
- Staff will also be reminded in April every year about the school's sun safety policy and to be 'SunSmart' Information will be made available to all staff;
- The children will be told about the importance of drinking more fluids when it is hot and will be encouraged to bring extra fluids into preschool;
- We will regularly remind the children, staff and parents/carers/guardians and they will be informed about sun safety through newsletters and our social media;
- Staff will be encouraged to praise the children that adhere to the preschools sun protection guidelines;
- Staff will be encouraged to remind the children of the need for sun protection during social times away from the setting;
- Staff will encourage children to use shady areas of the preschool and its grounds;
- Outdoor activities in areas of shade whenever possible;
- We have a shade sail at the preschool and will encourage pupils to use it;
- We will work towards increasing the provision of adequate shade for all children and staff;

Parents/Guardians and Carers will:

- Supply their son/daughter with a named and appropriate sun hat;

- Talk to their son/daughter about the importance of sun safety;
- Apply long lasting sun cream before pre-school;
- Supply their son/daughter with a named water bottle;
- Provide a non-aerosol sun cream/lotion product that is clearly labelled with your child's name;
- Support the pre-school's Sun Safety Policy;

We advise you to apply a long-lasting sun cream that will last for the whole session. If your child attends pre-school for the full day and will need additional sun cream the school staff will assist the children in applying this. If your child attends just the morning or afternoon sessions then sun cream must be applied by the parents/guardian/carer before the session commences.

Policy Review	
This policy is to be reviewed regularly to comply with preschool, Government and the Learning Alliance best practices and codes of conduct.	
Version Control	
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