

SUN PROTECTION POLICY

Very young children have sensitive skin that can easily be damaged by the sun's dangerous UV rays. Severe sunburn in childhood can lead to the development of skin cancer in later life. At Clocktower, we are committed to ensuring that all children are fully protected from the dangers of too much sun / UV rays. We are signed up to and accredited by the Sun Safe Nursery scheme, developed by the National Skin Cancer Charity, 'Skin'. We follow guidance from weather reports to enable us to plan accordingly, and use the following procedures to keep our children safe and healthy in the sun:

- We engage parents/carers by raising awareness of sun safety at the first instance, through our welcome pack, and provide them with advice and guidance for keeping their children safe at home too
- We request that parents apply a high quality / factor sunscreen to their child before bringing them in (an all day minimum 8 hour version if here all day)
- We have the following statement in our terms and conditions when they sign their child's registration form: 'We are part of the Sun Safe Nurseries scheme, developed by the National Skin Cancer Charity 'Skin'. Parents/carers must apply children's sunscreen before arrival (8 hour version if all day) and provide them with an appropriate hat to help protect them from over-exposure to UV during outdoor play. They should also refer to our Sun Safety Fact Sheet in the welcome pack'.
- We have an optional consent on our Registration Form for parents/carers; 'I give permission for staff to apply sunscreen to my child', which gives us a back up option if we discover a child has not had sunscreen applied before coming in.
- We always keep a spare here for any parents that forget, so that they can use it at the gate
- We never carry over opened spare sunscreen from one summer to the next, and check any we open that has previously been stored is still in date
- We have a large canopy in our outside area which provides shade for outdoor play. We also use pop-up gazebos if we wish to create additional shady areas
- Staff are expected to act as positive role models by; promoting the shady areas for play, wearing suitable clothing e.g. hats, sunglasses, be seen to be applying their own sunscreen etc
- We have a supply of spare floppy hats for children if they do not bring their own in
- Outdoor play may be limited during hot weather, particularly around midday
- We encourage the children to think about sun safety for themselves with our 'Slip, Slop, Slap' message which is used in day to day practice (through songs, rhymes, stories and activities) and also use additional resources provided by Skin, such as 'George the Sun Safe Superstar' – an illustrated rhyming story that educates children on the importance of sun safety
- Children are permitted to wear sunglasses
- Children are encouraged to increase their water intake in hot weather
- For outings, staff will take spare hats, a supply of drinking water, and be aware of the positioning of the sun at mid day, as well as seeking shady areas for rest periodically

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Clocktower Childcare Ltd held on 30th August 2019. Latest date to be reviewed: 31st August 2020.

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