

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 scheme, developed by the National Skin Cancer Charity, 'Skcin'. 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 also have the following statement in our terms and conditions when they sign their child's registration form: I give my consent to staff applying sun cream to my child. I understand Clocktower Childcare is part of the Sun Safe Nurseries scheme, developed by the National Skin Cancer Charity 'Skcin'. I will provide my child with an appropriate hat to help protect my child from over-exposure to UV during outdoor play. I know there is a Sun Safety Fact Sheet on the Parent Information Board as well as in my welcome pack, which I can refer to for further information.
- We allow parents/carers to provide their own brand sunscreen if their child has any skin conditions
- Children will have sunscreen applied by staff before being exposed to strong sun (minimum factor 30), even if they inform staff they have previously had it done at home (unless this is very obviously true)
- Sunscreen application is routinely carried out for every child during pre-school sessions, so any children attending all day, will automatically have two applications throughout the day
- The time of application will be recorded in the register
- We never carry over opened 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 Skcin, 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 sunscreen, 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 13th June 2018. Latest date to be reviewed: 31st August 2019.

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