

 **Lympstone Preschool Sun Protection Policy**

At Lympstone Preschool we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and want staff and children to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff and parents to achieve this through:

**EDUCATION:**

-Children will share sun-smart stories throughout the summer term.

-Parents and guardians will be sent a letter explaining what we are doing about sun protection and how they can help keep children safe in the sun.

-Staff and children will share stories of how we keep safe in the sun

**PROTECTION:**

-When the sun is strong we encourage children to sit/play in the shade where it is available.

-We have invested in an electric awning to cover the free flow play area outside to ensure children have protection from the sun when playing.

-The Nature garden is used daily and has a shaded classroom area to provide additional/optional shade cover.

-If children are playing in the Nature Garden they wear protective hats at all times.

-On signing in at the start of sessions parents are asked to declare if they have applied sun-cream to their children and if not are asked to from the sun-cream box before leaving them at the session.

-Staff will reapply sun-cream to all children if required in the afternoon as best practice.

-Cargo netting is available in the Nature Garden area to provide additional temporary shade on very sunny days as required.

**TIME TABLING:**

-Children will spend more time playing outdoors in the morning and afternoon and will be encouraged to stay indoors/in shaded areas at the hottest part of the day (approx. 11.45-1.00pm)

**CLOTHING:**

-Children are required to wear sun hats whenever they are playing outside on sunny days

-If children do not have their own hat, preschool have a supply of suitable hats as spares to ensure all children have hats made available to them

-Staff have also been asked to wear hats where possible to set a good example to the children.

-Children have been asked to remove hats when back inside the building as it is good manners to do so.

**SUNSCREEN:**

-Parents have been asked to supply named bottles of sunscreen of SPF 15+ which staff will then use throughout the day where required. They have been advised of this procedure and the Sun Protection Policy by letter.

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