



## Warm Weather and Sun Cream Policy and Procedures

### Introduction

Putnoe Woods Preschool are very aware of the damaging effects the sun can have on young skins. However, we also realise the importance of vitamin D for children and wish for them to enjoy sunny days using our outdoor facilities to their full potential. Therefore, we aim to protect all the children in our care using safety procedures embedded in our practice while promoting the children's knowledge of sun safety.

At **Putnoe Woods Preschool** we are committed to ensuring that all children are fully protected from the dangers of too much sun/UV rays. Severe sunburn in childhood can lead to the development of malignant melanoma (the most dangerous type of skin cancer) in later life.

In the EYFS at Putnoe Woods Preschool, children are encouraged to access the well-resourced outdoor play spaces as much as possible, but during the summer months we are aware of the need to protect them from the harmful rays of the sun.

*3.2. Providers must take all necessary steps to keep children safe and well. The requirements in this section explain what early years providers must do to: safeguard children; ensure the suitability of adults who have contact with children; promote good health; manage behaviour; and maintain records, policies and procedures.*

*The Statutory Framework for The Early Years Foundation Stage 2017*

We follow guidance from the weather and UV level reports and use the following procedures to keep children safe and healthy in the sun:

1. Key persons will work with the parents of their key children to decide and agree on suitable precautions to protect children from burning, including those with more sensitive skin types and those that may be more tolerant to the sunshine, e.g. black and/or Asian colouring
2. In the case of a child who has an allergy we would ask the parent/carer to provide sun cream for their child and have their name printed on the bottle. This will ensure that sun cream is only used by that child
3. Children must have a clearly labelled sun hat which will be worn at all times whilst outside in sunny weather. This hat will preferably be of legionnaires design (i.e. with an extended



back and side to shield children's neck and ears from the sun) to provide additional protection

4. It is the responsibility of the parents to apply sunscreen to their child prior to bringing them to preschool
5. The staff at Putnoe Woods Preschool will reapply sun cream at regular intervals as conditions require
6. Parents are requested to supply light-weight cotton clothing for their children suitable for the sun, with long sleeves and long legs
7. Children's safety and welfare in hot weather is the preschool's prime objective so staff will work closely with parents to ensure all appropriate cream and clothing is provided
8. Staff will make day-to-day decisions about the length of time spent outside depending on the strength of the sun
9. Children will always have sun cream applied before going outside in the hot weather and at frequent intervals during the day
10. Children are encouraged to drink cooled water more frequently throughout sunny or warm days, and this will be accessible both indoors and out
11. Children are made aware of the need for sun hats, sun cream and the need to drink more fluids during their time in the sun
12. Shade will be provided to ensure children are able to still go out in hot weather, cool down or escape the sun should they wish or need to
13. Parents / carers must have signed the registration form to provide their permission for staff to apply sun cream
14. Should parents /carers NOT give permission for staff to apply sun cream the must provide the preschool with a signed written statement confirming this

## Education

During registration times staff will discuss how we need to look after our skin and protect it from the sun's harmful rays. The message will be re-enforced particularly in the summer term.

**This policy is in compliance with GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations)  
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**Putnoe Woods is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, employees, students, volunteers, trustees and parents and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.**

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