



Sun Protection Policy

At Oasis Childcare Centres we want staff and children to enjoy the sun safely. We have a responsibility to ensure that children are protected from the harmful effects of the sun. We hope to encourage good health now and in the future. We will work with staff and parents to achieve this through:

EDUCATION - Learning about sun safety to increase knowledge and influence behaviour

- Staff will tell stories about the sun/dangers during the Easter Holidays and at the beginning of the summer term.
- Children will be encouraged to colour/paint pictures to re-enforce the sun protection messages.
- Parents will be sent a letter/policy explaining what we are doing about sun protection and how they can help during the Easter Holidays and at the beginning of the summer term.

PROTECTION - provide an environment that enables staff and children to stay safe in the sun.

- We have a shaded area along one side of the building.
- We will encourage the children to use the shaded area during the hottest part of the day.
- We will actively encourage all children to wear a hat, preferably 'legionnaire' style when playing outside during the summer months.
- We will ask parents to dress their children in appropriate clothing for the sun, preferably tops/t-shirts/dresses which cover children's shoulders.
- During hot periods in the summer parents must apply sunscreen to their children before the sessions start. If a child is attending more than 3 hours, sun screen must be sent in to Oasis.
- Parents are asked to provide labelled sun screen (at least factor 30) for each child attending Oasis, which must be handed to staff.
- We will have sunscreen (factor 30 or above) available for parents to apply to their children if they do not have their own or have forgotten to put it on.
- We have written permission from parents for staff to apply sunscreen to children should they need it. (Signature on Registration Details).

Disciplinary procedures will be followed if staff do not adhere to the regulations set out in this policy (please see Disciplinary Procedures).

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