



Sun Protection Policy

Statement of intent

At Totterdown Preschool we take seriously the health and safety of the children in our care. We believe that children should be allowed to play outside as much as possible, all year round, whatever the weather.

Aim

To enable children to enjoy outdoor play safely in the sun, by protecting themselves and educating them in safe behaviour when in the sun.

Methods

Shade

- The large outdoor area does get a lot of sun but has plenty of large trees for shade.
- The smaller garden is sheltered both by trees and a man-made shelter.
- Outdoor activities will be set up in shady areas, to encourage children to play out of the sun
- Any equipment in the sun, will have a shade over it, where possible.
- Ensuring that the children can access the indoor play area at all times so they can choose to continue play indoors.
- Water is always readily available for children to drink.

Clothing

- Parents are asked to dress their child in cool, appropriate clothing. Please do not send your child in a vest or strappy top. Sensible shoes are also required where-by toes are covered and there is a back to the shoe
- Parents are asked to provide their child with a sun hat.
- Children who refuse to wear a hat will not be permitted to play outside when it is very hot

- Staff will also wear suitable clothing; this will encourage children to do the same.

Sunscreen

- Letters are sent home asking for parents to apply sun cream before their child attends the Preschool. Parents may keep some sunscreen in their child's bag in order that it can be reapplied if necessary, and need to make staff aware that it is there. Bottles must be labelled with the child's name.
- Children who are not allowed to wear sun cream will not play in direct sunlight in the hot weather.

Agreed by Claire Childs and Shamira Lumsden

Reviewed on August 2021

STAFF ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

I have read this policy and will adhere to it in future practice: