



Busy Bees @ LPS – Sun Protection policy

Busy Bees @ LPS recognises the importance of ensuring children are safe in the sun when enjoying the outdoors. To promote the welfare of the children, we adhere to our Sun Protection policy to ensure children are adequately protected and therefore able to enjoy the outdoors safely.

Education: We will discuss with all children about 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.

Shade: The garden area at the front of the portacabin is quite open and the amount of shade is limited. We use a gazebo to offer a shaded area for children to play. We also make use of den building equipment to allow us to provide further shaded play areas. During hot, sunny weather we will emphasise the importance of covering exposed skin with large hats and long sleeves and stress the benefits of wearing sun cream and drinking water.

Clothing: All children will be required to wear a hat when playing outside in the sun. In our welcome pack, a hat is listed as a required item and therefore, parents will be reminded of the need for a hat verbally, via text, email, letters home, social networking sites and on our newsletter. We will also encourage children to cover very exposed areas of the skin, such as shoulders. Staff will set a good example by the clothing they wear in the sun and will ensure they also wear a hat outdoors.

Sun Cream:

- Parents sign the registration form to give consent for staff to apply sun cream to their child.
- We ask parents to apply sun cream to their child before they come to their Preschool session at Busy Bees during the summer months.
- Sun cream will be applied to children who are at Preschool for a full day. This will be applied prior to afternoon free flow after lunch. Children who do not have sun cream will not be permitted to play outdoors when the sun is at its strongest. Parents will be reminded of the need for protection.
- Children staying all day at Preschool or children who attend Extended Services must bring a named bottle of sun cream to Busy Bees each day.

Sunglasses: A named pair of UV protection sunglasses is recommended and children will be encouraged to wear them for outdoor play in sunny conditions.

Hydration: Fresh drinking water is available to all children throughout the sessions offered at Busy Bees. Children are encouraged to drink plenty at snack time, lunchtime and throughout the session in order to keep them hydrated in the warm weather

Ventilation: In the very hot sun, the Portacabin can become quite warm. To counteract this, we ensure there is adequate ventilation by opening windows and cooling the air with a fan. We have a thermometer in the room which helps us monitor the temperature and take precautions.

This policy was adopted on	
Signed on behalf of the preschool	
Date disseminated to staff	
Date for review	