



6.0 Sun Safety Policy

Policy statement

The St Mary's PreSchool are aware of the dangers of exposing young children and adults to direct sunlight and therefore aim to keep all children and adults safe when playing outdoors. We ensure our outdoor environment provides suitable shaded areas.

We ensure that children and staff are protected from sunburn and skin damage caused by harmful ultra violet radiation from the sun and believe that by encouraging sun safe behaviour and teaching children about the risks of sunlight we can prevent them from over exposure to the sun.

This policy further guidance is available on our website.

During sunny weather shaded areas are provided.

- Parents/carers are advised to provide their child with appropriate protective clothing, eg. hats, sunglasses and tops that cover shoulders (as detailed in our Welcome Letter).
- Parent/carers are asked to apply a sun cream to exposed areas of skin prior to the session.
- In the case whereby children are staying for the extended day parents will be asked to provide their child with their own sun cream which will be re-applied by staff as appropriate. Parents should ensure that all sun cream is within the use by date stated on the bottle and should clearly label the sun cream and hand it to a member of staff upon arrival into the session.
- In the case whereby sun cream is not provided by a parent, Pre School will apply the settings own sun cream if consent is given.
- Sun cream provided by the Pre-School will be regularly checked by staff to ensure that it is within the use by date on the bottle as most have a shelf-life of 1-2 years.
- Permission will be sought from parents/carers upon entry for St Mary's PreSchool staff to apply sun cream to each child.
- Staff will apply or support your child to apply sun cream to exposed skin prior to accessing the outside play area. A record of this application is made.
- Sun safety is discussed regularly with the children through planned experiences.
- Staff are encouraged to act as good role models when practising sun safety.

Pandemic Outbreak

In the event of a pandemic situation children should arrive at pre-school with adequate suncream applied for the duration of their session, as staff will be prohibited from applying cream and lotions to children.

This policy was adopted by _____ *(name of provider)*
On _____ *(date)*
Date to be reviewed _____ *(date)*
Signed on behalf of the provider _____
Name of signatory _____
Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner) _____



St. Mary's Pre-School