



Reg Charity No: 1096458

Sun Protection Policy

Statement of Intent

The care club regards the protection of children from the sun as an important part of its provision for children and parents. It is especially important during the summer months, in particular the Summer Holidays. Discussing this with the children raises their awareness of the sun's dangers and helps them to learn about looking after themselves and keeping healthy.

Aim

During the summer months, we aim for all children to be sufficiently protected from the sun's rays and heat at all times when in our care.

Methods

*As the weather begins to get warmer, a letter is sent to all parents of children who attend, reminding them of the danger of the sun and asking that they provide their children with appropriate sun cream and a hat.

*Each afternoon, prior to going outside, the children are given time to apply sun cream themselves and put on their hats. Children who do not have these are kept out of direct sunlight and parents are reminded of the need for cream and a hat.

* All children are observed when applying sun cream and, if necessary, reminded to apply sun cream to certain areas they have missed. (In particular, face, back of the neck.)

*No children are ever allowed to take off their t-shirts when at the club.

* Children have constant access to water and are regularly reminded to have a drink. They are also offered squash at particular times.

*If children have no sun protection, they are asked to wear a band so they are easily recognised by all staff. They are then reminded to go into the shade if they forget. A supply of spare hats is available at the club, and these are lent to children without sun protection. These children are then allowed out into the sun for limited periods depending on how hot the weather is.

Holiday Club

*All parents who register their children onto the playscheme receive a copy of this Sun Protection Policy to ensure they are clear about the requirements.

*We ask that all parents provide sun cream, a hat and a short-sleeved t-shirt in a named bag on their first day at the holiday club. This then remains at the

club until the child's last day. If the sun cream runs out, parents are informed. If the t-shirt becomes wet or dirty, it is sent home with a request for it to be returned the next time the child attends. (The t-shirt will be worn when on the water slide or in the paddling pool.)

*Water will be available to the children at all times and the children will be regularly reminded to have a drink. Squash will be provided at specific times of the day.

*Posters will be displayed to the children and their parents reminding them of the importance of a hat, sun cream and a short-sleeved shirt. Staff will talk to the children regularly about this and help them understand its' importance.

*On the contact form, we provide a space for any medical conditions. If a child is particularly susceptible to sun damage, the parent will note it here, providing information as to necessary provisions. This will then be followed during the playscheme.

Staff Training

*All staff has a copy of the Sun Protection Policy and this is discussed regularly during staff meetings.

*All staff is aware that although they may assist verbally with the applying of sun cream, they are unable to help physically.

*All staff is aware of the importance of the children only putting their sun cream on themselves (due to health and safety issues and allergies.) They will regularly remind children of the fact that they may not share sun cream with another child.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of	Trustees	Setting: - Violet Way & Edge Hill care club
Held on (date)		
Signed on behalf of the Management Committee/ Proprietor		
Role of signatory (e.g. chairperson etc.)		Chair of trustees