

## Sun Protection Policy

At Little Oaks we understand the need to protect children from the harm that may be caused by prolonged, unprotected exposure to hot sun. Therefore, in order to minimise the risks to the children in our care we aim to ensure the following:

- Parents will be requested to apply sun cream **before** their child comes to Little Oaks. Our expectation will be that this has happened.
- Under most circumstances staff **will not** apply sun cream therefore preventing the possibility of cross contamination for children and staff with allergies. However, if children are with us all day we will provide sun cream which will be applied after lunch. This will be Boots Soltan children's sun cream factor 30, if your child cannot use this for some reason we will ask the parents to supply a bottle for us to use. Sun cream for the all-day children will only be applied on the sessions that they stay all day. The named sun cream will be stored in the medicine cupboard and we will obtain written permission from parents/carers to apply.
- Where medical need for an individual child dictates that sun-cream needs to be applied more frequently than 3 hourly then parents must obtain a letter from their doctor stating this and we will follow the medical advice.
- Parents will be advised that the best protection for their child is for the child to wear loose fitting clothing that fully covers arms and legs and that if they are worried that sun cream will not last until the end of a session this type of dress is essential.
- Parents will be requested to send their child with a sunhat during spells of sunny weather. Little Oaks will hold a supply of hats and these may be used instead of their own. If our members of staff deem a child to be inadequately dressed and Little Oaks is unable to provide spare, suitable clothes then the child in question may be kept indoors for their own protection.
- In periods of extreme heat staff may choose to limit the amount of time any child can spend outside either by recording the times individual children access the outside area or, more usually, by limiting the amount of time the outside area is available for the whole group.
- When possible, gazebos or similar will be erected to provide additional protection.
- During periods of extreme heat, drinking water will be provided outside in addition to inside.
- The Setting Manager will take responsibility for deciding what constitutes "extreme heat" (or in their absence the Room Supervisors). Advice will be sought from the relevant bodies as necessary.

This policy was adopted at a committee meeting held on .....

Signed on behalf of the committee.....

Role of Signatory.....

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