## Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Health

Providers must promote the good heath of the children, take necessary steps to prevent them from being exposed to the sun for periods of time that could cause sunburn or illness.

# 6.8 Sun protection

### **Policy statement**

The setting takes very seriously the health and safety of the children in its care. We acknowledge the advice given by Cancer Research UK and in particular its SunSmart campaign.

Our aim is to protect the children of the setting when playing out in the sun and to promote children's own understanding of safety in the sun.

#### Procedures

- Ensure that all children are adequately clothed in appropriate sun wear This should consist of short sleeved tee shirt, and a legionnaire style cap. Pippin pre-school provide legionnaire hats for all the children to wear.
- Parents are to ensure that all children have had sunscreen applied before attending the daily sessions. -In accordance with Cancer Research UK guidance we recommend the use of only factor 15 and above sunscreen.
- If a child/children are attending the setting all day, parents are to ensure they apply a sunscreen which lasts for that duration e.g. P20 which is non-greasy, fragrance free and lasts up to 10 hours a day.
- Where children are not adequately protected we will take steps to adapt our activities in order to protect them.
- Ensure that any outdoor play is, where possible, outside of the hottest times of the day.
- When appropriate provide a shaded area to protect the children whilst they play.
- Ensure that the children can access the indoor play area at all times so that they can choose to continue their play indoors.
- Ensure that there is an adequate supply of fresh drinking water available and that the children know how to
  access it if they feel thirsty or hot, and that cool drinks are available regularly during hot weather.
- Ensure that safe sun behaviour is modelled by the staff of the setting, providing a positive role model to all the children
- Parents are advised to see the pre-school manager or any of the session leaders if you have any queries regarding applying suncream.



## Wraparound care

The above policy also applies to those who attend any of the wraparound sessions provided by Pippin Pre-School.

## **Further guidance**

Health and Safety Policy Outdoor Learning Policy Safeguarding Children Policy

## Other useful Pre-school Learning Alliance publications

Daily Register and Outings Record (2015)

