



Sun Safety Policy

We are pleased to announce that Playdays Preschool are taking steps to implement a Sun Safe Nursery policy and teaching. The content of which forms part of our duty of care to ensure the health and wellbeing of your child during preschool hours.

This is a voluntary scheme developed by the national skin cancer charity 'Skcin' to encourage a culture change regarding attitudes towards sun safety required to combat the soaring rates of skin cancer in the UK.

Whilst we recognise that some sun is good for us, we are mindful of the importance of protecting the children in our care from the dangers of over exposure to UV.

Skin cancer is now the most common and fastest rising cancer in the UK. Malignant melanoma, the deadliest form of the disease is now the most common cancer in young adults aged 15-34. Burning as a young child can cause irreparable damage to a child's delicate skin, which over time can develop with serious consequences.

However, the good news is that skin cancer is almost entirely preventable and simple steps can be undertaken to ensure that children's skin is protected from the sun's harmful rays.

We therefore believe that together we have a duty of care to ensure that children grow up with sufficient knowledge of sun safety and that all children at our preschool are adequately protected against the sun's harmful rays. As such we will be using the Sun Safe Nurseries Scheme to teach children in our care basic sun safe messages through engaging teaching resources.

We strongly encourage parents to send their child to preschool with sunscreen and a hat to use during outdoor play in the hotter months, but understand that parents sometimes forget. As part of gaining our Sun Safe Nursery Status we are committed to ensuring that all parents/guardians are further informed and reminded of the importance of sending your child into preschool with an appropriate sun hat and quality sunscreen.

Sun hats should be either broad-brimmed or legionnaire style (to shade the face, neck and ears that can easily burn) and sunscreen should offer broad spectrum UVA/UVB protection with a minimum 4-star rating and Sun Protection Factor 30+.

(Please label each item with your child's name to ensure its safe return).

We hope you understand our concern for the health and wellbeing of your child/children and therefore ask that you kindly fill in the slip below and return it to the office in recognition of our correspondence.



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For further information about skin cancer, its prevention, sun safety and the charity 'Skin', please visit www.skcin.org

Sun Safe Nurseries Parent/Guardian Reply Slip:

Childs Name:

	Tick to confirm
I can confirm that I have read the policy regarding Sun Safe Nurseries and understand the importance of sending my child/children to nursery with an appropriate hat and quality sunscreen to help protect my child from over-exposure to UV during outdoor play in preschool hours.	
I can also confirm that I have received the 'Sun Safety Fact Sheet'	
I can confirm I understand that sun cream is to be applied to my child before they come into preschool each day. When my child has not had sun cream applied before preschool, I will inform a member of staff.	
I authorise Playdays staff to apply sun cream at midday before any outdoor afternoon play sessions, or in the morning if not applied by a parent/ carer.	
I will supply a bottle of sunscreen to be kept at preschool. This will provide UVA/UVB protection and minimum 4-star rating and Factor 30+. Staff will inform me when this needs replacing.	
OR	
I enclose £2.50 for Playdays to provide sunscreen for my child for the summer term. Playdays will only purchase sunscreen that provides UVA/UVB protection and minimum 4-star rating and Factor 30+	

Signed.....Date:.....

Print Name:.....