



LITTLE ACORNS PRE-SCHOOL

POLICIES

SUN PROTECTION POLICY

AIMS:

At Little Acorns we want staff and children to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff and parents to achieve this. We understand that as a pre-school we can play a significant role in changing behaviours through role modelling and education from an early age. We know that children and staff are at risk of sunburn within 10-15 minutes of being exposed to strong sunlight and that sun exposure in the first 15 years of life contributes significantly to the lifetime risk of skin cancer.

METHODS:

EDUCATION - these measures are in place from now on:

- Staff will discuss the importance of sun protection with all children.
- Parents and guardians will be sent a letter explaining what we are doing about sun protection and how they can help at the beginning of the summer term.

PARENT PARTNERSHIP

- Sun safety will be promoted through working with parents, staff and the wider community to improve our understanding and provision to avoid the harmful effects of too much exposure to ultraviolet light (UV).
- Staff should act as positive role models and set a good example by seeking out the shade whenever possible and wearing suitable clothing, hat and sunscreen.

PROTECTION

Shade:

- A canopy will be constructed over the sand pit.
- Instant shade will be provided by parasols, pop-up gazebos etc.

Clothing:

- We will actively encourage all children to wear a hat when playing outside from May 2009.
- We have Little Acorns hats for all children who don't want to bring their own.
- All staff have also agreed to wear hats when outside to set a good example.

Sunscreen:

- We will send letters home asking for permission for staff to apply factor 50+ sunscreen to all children. Parents will be given the option to provide their own. Sunscreen will be reapplied at the beginning of each session.
- A copy of the sun protection letter will be sent home each April with a reply slip required.

This policy was developed with the help of staff and parents in May 2009.

We will monitor our progress and review the policy annually.

Signed

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