

ABC NURSERY POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**POLICY 29: Protecting children in our care from affects of strong sun in warm weather**

- 29.1 The nursery staff will be vigilant in protecting children from strong sun. We aim to achieve this by doing the following:
- Ensuring that children have a high factor (30-50) / hypo-allergenic sun cream on.
 - By not taking children outside at midday if the sun is very strong.
 - By providing shady areas in the outside play environment.
 - Ensuring that children wear 'substantial' sun hats at all times if the sun is strong.
- 29.2 The nursery staff will be vigilant in ensuring that children keep cool and hydrated in hot weather by doing the following:
- Having cool water / drinks available to children at all times.
 - If children do not drink water making provision for other drinks to avoid dehydration: on consultation with the parents.
 - Asking children frequently in warm weather if they need drinks.
 - Keeping children cool by having activities such as water play where they can cool down.
- 29.3 Although the nursery has high factor (30-50) sun cream to put on children we expect parents to take responsibility for ensuring that their children are creamed sufficiently to protect them from the sun before they come into nursery. For children staying all day, sun cream will have to be re-applied if the weather stays hot and they are staying outside for more than 20 minutes.
- 29.4 Parents will be asked to keep sun cream in their child's personal drawer but if they have forgotten and have none then there will be sun cream available in the nursery hall to ensure that they can be applied before leaving their child in the care of nursery staff.
- 29.5 Parents MUST please sign the sun cream column on the signing-in sheet on a daily basis to indicate that they have applied sun cream.
- 29.6 Staff manning the hall in the mornings/ lunchtime etc must be vigilant to ensure that 29.5 takes place.
- 29.7 The nursery provides Legionnaire sun hats but these are not for each child's personal use.
- 29.8 If parents do not wish their child to share sun hats with other children then they are responsible for bringing in a sun hat for their own child that is clearly labelled (named).
- 29.9 Staff may re-apply sun cream to a child when deemed necessary to do so- e.g. if a child is involved in water play and some protection from existing sun cream may have been lost.