



SUN CARE POLICY

Monkey Puzzle Day Nursery is committed to ensuring that all children are fully protected from the dangers of too much sun. Severe sunburn in childhood can lead to the development of malignant melanoma (the most dangerous type of skin cancer) in later life.

We use the following procedures to keep children safe and healthy in the sun:

- Children must have a clearly named sun hat which will be worn at all times whilst outside in sunny weather. This hat will preferably be of legionaries design (i.e. with an extended back and side to shield children's neck and ears from sun) to provide additional protection
- The nursery provides Sun cream (Aldis own) however prior written consent is gained for staff to apply. If a child has sensitive skin this enables children to have their own sun cream brought in from home which is suitable for their own individual needs
- Children need light-weight cotton clothing suitable for the sun, with long sleeves and long legs if prone to sunburn
- Children's safety outside in the sun is the nursery's prime objective so staff will work closely with parents to ensure all appropriate cream and clothing is provided
- Children will not be out in the sun between 11.00am – 3.00pm on hot days
- Children will always have sun cream applied before going outside in the sun and at frequent intervals during the day
- Children are offered cooled water more frequently throughout sunny or warm days
- Children are made aware of the need for sun hats, sun cream and the need to drink more fluids during their time in the sun
- Staff will make day-to-day decisions about the length of time spent outside dependant on the strength of the sun
- Shade will be provided to ensure children are able to cool down or escape the sun should they wish or need to

This policy was adopted on	Signed on behalf of the nursery	Date for review
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