



Suncream Policy : Little Imaginations Early Years Camp

Too much exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun causes sunburn, skin damage and increases the risk of skin cancer. Sun exposure in the first 15 years of life contributes significantly to the lifetime risk of skin cancer.

At Little Imaginations we want all staff and children to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff, parents, and carers to achieve this through.

Education

- All children will be involved in a discussion, appropriate for their age and understanding, at the start of each week about sun protection and the risks
- All staff will be educated in the importance of sun protection and the risks involved in not protecting both themselves and others
- Parents and carers will be informed about our policy

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 UV. Staff should always act as a positive role model and set a good example by seeking shade whenever possible, wearing appropriate clothing, and applying sunscreen.

Protection

- The outdoor green area has shade at certain points of the day. In extreme scenarios, the green space will be moved to go around the tree with more shade. Children will be encouraged to wear hats when required.

Amendments for venues:

Marylebone: The team should actively find shaded spots in the park and on the walk.

Clothing

- The children will be encouraged to wear clothes that provide good sun protection (sun hats etc)
- Parents/carers will be duly informed of the importance to provide the nursery with the appropriate clothing/headwear

- Staff should wear hats when appropriate to act as a good role model and to also demonstrate drinking plenty of water
- Children are encouraged to increase their water intake in hot weather and are encouraged to do so in outdoor areas also.
- Water will always be available to children throughout the day from water dispensers which children will be able to access independently. (both indoors and outdoors)

Sunscreen

- Parents must provide a labelled bottle of sun cream. A sticker maker is on hand for those that arrive with unlabelled bottles.
- Parents are asked to give permission for sun cream to be applied to their children.
- A group suncream game will be played during lunch. Extra support will be on hand for the under 4s.
- Sun Cream should be applied when all staff are present and supervising
- The sun cream must be in date and be a minimum factor 30 with a 5-star UVA rating (this is usually visible on the bottle).

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