



## Sun Safety Policy

### Aim

The purpose of this sun safety policy is to protect children and staff from skin damage caused by the effects of ultraviolet radiation from the sun. At Oasis Academy Lordshill Preschool we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and want staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely.

### EDUCATION

#### Curriculum:

- All children receive at least one activity about the importance of sun protection.
- We talk about how to be 'Sun Smart' in group time and at the start of the summer term and before summer break.
- Parents are informed of the importance of sun protection through information sent home in newsletters and a letter informing them of the sun protection policy.

#### Lesson Planning:

- When the sun is strong we will encourage pupils to sit / play in the shade where it is available.
- All children have access to water throughout the session.
- Organised activities make use of the shade available.

### PROTECTION

(Sun Protection Strategies)

#### Shade:

- Shaded areas and seating is available in the garden
- There is a number of trees in the garden which provide shade at different times of the day,

#### Clothing:

- When outside in sunny weather, children are required to wear hats.



- Pupils are encouraged to wear tops that cover their shoulders.
- Pupils are allowed to wear UV protective sunglasses on sunny days, - Staff also wear suitable clothing and hats to reinforce sun safety.

### Sunscreen:

- Parents are encouraged and reminded to ensure that high factor sun screen is applied to children before school on very hot days, if the children are doing a full day session sun screen will be applied again after lunch by a member of staff.

## **COLLABORATION**

### Communicating our Policy:

- All teachers and staff are made aware of this policy and the importance of sun protection within the preschool environment.
- This policy will be available to view on the school website, staff handbook and will be highlighted to parents, carers and children throughout the summer term.





## Appendix A

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Now the summer term has started, I wanted to write and tell you about our new **sun protection policy** we have developed to ensure that we can all enjoy the sun safely over the coming months.

The sun's rays are particularly strong over the summer and they can damage children's skin. This may not seem like a problem right now, but it can lead to **skin cancer** in later life. Your child's health and well-being are very important to us, which is why we have decided to:

- Monitor the amount of preschool time spent learning about sun protection.
- Encourage pupils to wear hats and t-shirts when outside.
- Encourage pupils to use at least SPF 15 sunscreen in summer months.

More details of the new sun protection can be found in our sun protection policy which I am attaching to this letter.

Your support is very important if our new policies are going to work. You can help by: - Talking to your child about the importance of sun protection at home.

- Sending your child to school with a wide-brimmed hat.
- Applying sun screen before school.
- Reminding your child to drink water when playing outside.

Together I hope we can have a very happy and safe term to come!