



Kingsdown Pre-school Sun Protection Policy

At Kingsdown pre-school we take the issue of protecting children from skin damage, due to exposure to the sun, very seriously.

We take precautions to protect the children from sunburn during outside playtime and outings.

- We ask parents/carers dress their children in appropriate clothing which covers their shoulders for example, short sleeved t-shirt rather than vest style tops or strappy sundresses
- Parents/carers should also supply a named sun hat for their child
- Parents/carers are asked to give signed permission for a staff member, with an up to date DBS check, to apply sun cream to their child
- During sunny weather we request parents apply sun cream to their child prior to them arriving at pre-school
- When children arrive at the pre-school we record those who have had sun cream applied at home that morning and then apply cream to the remaining children's exposed skin prior to them playing outside. This is also recorded
- Sun cream is reapplied prior to children going outside in the afternoon as needed
- We provide sun cream with a high protection factor
- Each year we will inform parents of the brand of sun cream being used, but if a parent/carer would prefer to supply their own, we ask that it is labelled with their child/ren's name to be kept at pre-school
- Parents/carers should be aware, that if we do not have written consent to apply our own sun cream and no sun cream has been provided by them, children may have to miss their outside play
- Parents/carers are requested to provide drinking bottles for their children. During hot weather we always ensure water is available outside as well as inside
- Unfortunately, our outside area offers very little shade and during very hot periods the time we access the outside area may be limited

When the children are taken on outings we will ask for sun cream to be applied at home and suitable clothing to be worn. We will take sun cream and hats with us and if necessary cream will be reapplied later in the day. A shaded area will be chosen when the children eat their lunch and water will be available throughout the day.

This policy was reviewed by Kingsdown Pre-school on 12 April 2022. It will be reviewed annually or sooner if required

Signed on behalf of Kingsdown Pre-school A.Bridges
Chairperson Kingsdown Pre-school Committee