



Purpose of Policy

To ensure that all children are adequately protected from the sun whilst attending Greenbrae Nursery setting.

Who is Responsible?

The parent/carer is responsible for completing the 'Sun Protection' permission sections of the Personal Care Plans and for applying/providing appropriate sun cream as required.

All staff are responsible for ensuring that children have adequate sun protection before going outdoors.

How will the policy be implemented?

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

Education

- All children will be involved in a discussion, appropriate to their age and stage of development, at the start of the summer about being outdoors in the sun, the risks and how to stay safe
- All staff will be educated in the importance of sun protection and their role in protecting themselves and others
- Parents and carers will be informed about our policy on sun protection at induction meetings and induction packs. A copy of the policy will also be displayed on the Nursery notice board. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, parents/carers are not able to come into the Nursery and so this policy is now also available on the Nursery section of the school website.

Shade

- In the Nursery garden/playground, where areas can get very sunny, children will be discouraged from playing there in the very hot weather.
- In the Nursery garden/playground, and during outdoor visits, shaded areas will be identified by staff. If needed, temporary shade will also be created by staff.

Clothing/Drinks

- Staff will ensure that all children are wearing sun hats when outdoors on sunny days.
- Parents should provide their children with sun hats. Spare hats will be kept in Nursery for use when required.

- All children will have ongoing access to drinking water, either their own water bottles or from the Nursery kitchen.

Sunscreen

- Parents are asked to give written permission, in their Nursery admission forms, for sun cream to be applied by staff where required.
- Parents/carers will complete the 'Sun Protection' sections of their child's Personal Care Plans. Permissions/Personal Care Plans will be kept securely in the Nursery store cupboard.
- Where possible, parents should apply sun cream to their child prior to attending each Nursery session.
- Sun cream should be kept in children's bags in case reapplying is required. Sun cream should be clearly labelled with the child's name and the date it was opened.
- Greenbrae Nursery will provide sun cream for all children which is at least SPF 30+ and with UVA and UVB protection as a minimum.
- All children are required to apply sun cream before going outdoors in sunny weather.
- Staff will apply sun cream paying particular attention to neck, back of arms, head, nose etc.
- Staff will ensure that, where children are applying their own sun cream, they are applying it correctly and will help if required.
- Staff will reapply sun cream throughout the day as necessary.
- Staff will ensure that they protect themselves against the sun and will model best practice.
- It is Nursery policy that all children should access outdoors at some point during the Nursery session. Therefore, where parents/carers do not wish sun cream to be applied to their children, it should be noted that those children will not be able to freely access the outdoor environment unless their skin is covered (sun hat, long sleeves, trousers).