



Sun Protection policy

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

At Bottesford Bunnies we want all educators and children to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with educators, 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 the summer about sun protection and the risks.
- All educators 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 advised about our policy.

Sun safety will be promoted through working with parents, educators and the wider community, to improve our understanding and provision to avoid the harmful effects of too much exposure to UV. Educators should act as a positive role model and set a good example by seeking shade whenever possible, wearing appropriate clothing and applying sunscreen.

Protection

- The Pre School Garden has shade provided with an outdoor shelter
- Children will be encouraged to use the outdoor shelter during playtimes when appropriate.
- Parents/carer will be duly informed of the importance to provide the Pre-School with the appropriate clothing/headwear.
- Educators should wear hats when appropriate to act as good role models 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 bottle of sun cream, to be kept at the setting (we will label this with the child's name) or pay a small amount for the Bunnies sun cream to be reapplied, if a child attends for a full day.
- Parents of children that attend for a half day should apply sun cream, to their child at home. For those children that attend for a full day, parents should apply cream to their children before they come to Pre-School and educators will reapply or help the child to reapply it during the day, when necessary.
- Parents are asked to give written permission for sun cream to be applied to their children.
- Parents are required to provide the Pre-School appropriate sun cream, for their children,
- The sun cream must be in date and be a minimum factor 30 with a UVA rating (this is usually visible on the bottle)

This policy is in line with the EYFS Statutory Guidance (DfE 2024)

References to other policies:

- Health, Safety, Welfare & Hygiene

Adopted at a team meeting Wednesday 25th June 2025 by Director, Room Lead, Deputy Room Lead and educators.