

STAMPERS PRE-SCHOOL

Sun Protection Policy (reviewed 30.3.16)

Statement of intent

Stampers preschool takes very seriously the health and safety of the children in its care. We acknowledge the advice given by Cancer Research UK and, in particular, its SunSmart campaign.

Aim

To protect the children of the preschool when playing out in the sun and to help educate the children in safe behaviour in the sun.

We will use the 5 'SMART' prevention messages as advised by Sun Smart skin cancer prevention campaign run by Cancer Research UK.

Stay in the shade 11am-3pm

Make sure you never burn

Always cover up; wear a t-shirt, hat and sunglasses

Remember children burn more easily

Then use factor 15+ sunscreen

It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure their children have sufficient, correctly applied suncream on prior to leaving them for pre-school. Children who are at Stampers Pre-school longer than 3 hours will be encouraged to self-apply suncream after this time. Staff will ensure the child's arms and legs, face, ears and neck are covered fully in the cream and will assist where required. Suncream will only be applied to the named child on the bottle which should be kept in their bag on their peg.

The parental permission slip must be signed and on file in order for staff to assist with this sun-cream application.

Method

- Ensuring that all children are adequately clothed in appropriate sunwear. This should consist of a short-sleeved t-shirt and a floppy, wide brimmed hat or legionnaire style cap.
- Ensuring that all children have had sunscreen applied before playing outside.
- In accordance with Cancer Research UK guidance we recommend the use of a minimum factor 15 sunscreen.
- Where children are not protected adequately we will take steps to adapt our activities in order to protect them.

- We will keep a supply of factor 15 or above sunscreen on the premises, to be used in an emergency by parents /carers who have forgotten to apply it before arrival at the preschool. (only if permission has been given on registration form).
- Ensuring that any outdoor play is, where possible, avoiding the hottest times of the day.
- When appropriate, we will provide a shaded area to protect the children whilst they play.
- Providing an adequate supply of fresh drinking water is readily available and ensuring that the children know how to access it if they feel thirsty or hot during hot weather.
- Ensuring that safe sun behaviour is modelled by the staff of the preschool, providing a positive role model to all the children.