



Sun Protection Policy

Statement of intent

Children are encouraged to access the well-resourced outdoor play spaces as much as possible, but during the summer months we are aware of the need to protect them from the harmful rays of the sun. We have therefore developed this policy.

Aim

We aim to have several outdoor play sessions everyday throughout the year as well as having outside activities freely available to the children. By taking what measures we can to protect the children in our care from the harmful effects of the sun we can help reduce the risk of skin cancer in later life caused by UV radiation.

Practice

- Include sun-safety in our summer term activities.
- It is our policy that all children must wear sunscreen.
- Sun protection will be applied before going outside during the summer months it is important to remember that UV rays from the sun can reach children on cloudy and hazy days, not just on bright, sunny days
- If a child does have a visible skin disease (e.g. eczema or open skin wound or a cold/virus) staff will wash their hands before and after applying the sun cream, or use gloves if preferred.
- It is requested that children arrive already wearing sunscreen during the summer months. Please ensure it is applied prior to coming into the setting.
- Staff will discuss regularly how to keep children safe in the sun and our routines will be regularly evaluated
- Parents/carers of children who have a medical reason which prevents them from wearing sunscreen, will be asked to provide a suitable alternative.
- When hot weather is forecast, we will re-arrange our timetable to enable outside play/activities earlier in the day - children will access the outdoor space more in the cooler times of the day when the sun's rays are less powerful, e.g. before 11am and after 3pm. During these times we will organise more outdoor activities and during the lunchtime period will arrange more indoor activities
- Water is always readily available to the children throughout the year, but in the warmer months we place greater emphasis on the children having a regular fluid intake, as small children can dehydrate very quickly.

- If your child arrives with sunburn visible this will be recorded on our existing injuries form.

If you have any concerns regarding this policy please speak to a member of staff.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Pippins Pre-school and

Nursery

Held on Thursday 9th October 2025

Signed on behalf of the Management Trustee Directors



Role of signatory (e.g. chair etc.)

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