

Sun Protection Policy

At Springboard Nursery we aim for staff and children to enjoy the sun safely. Our aim is for staff and parents/guardians to work together to achieve this through.

Education

- All children will be involved in discussions and activities appropriate for their age and understanding at the start of summer regarding sun protection and the risks.
- All staff are educated on the importance of sun protection and the risks involved in not protecting both themselves and others.
- Parents and Carers will be informed about our policy

Protection

Shade

- The nursery garden has shade provided in different areas
- Children will be encouraged to use the shaded areas more during the period of 11 am-3 pm and 3-5 pm when the sun is at its hottest. Outdoor play will be monitored to ensure there are prolonged sessions in the sun.

Clothing

- All children are asked to provide a nursery sun hat that is clearly labelled with their name. Springboard have spare sun hats If this is forgotten on the day.

Hydration

- Children are encouraged to increase their water intake in hot weather. Water is provided at the children's level in their own bottles/beakers in babies and toddlers, and by a water dispenser in preschool. (All accessible independently however practitioners will ensure they do water call-outs or pass these to the children as reminders)

Sun Cream

- Parents of children that attend for half a day should apply sun cream to their child at home. For those children that attend a full day, parents should apply the cream to their children before they come to the nursery and staff members will re-apply this at lunchtime or when necessary, throughout the day.
- Parents are asked to give permission on NIB/ Family for staff members to apply sun cream to their child
- Parents are required to provide the nursery with sun cream for their child which must be in date and a minimum of factor 30. Parents are welcome to leave the sun cream at the nursery which will be clearly labelled.
- Parents are asked to sign to give permission for staff to apply nursery sun cream (Lacura- Aldi) in the case of children's sun creams being forgotten.

This policy was implemented by Springboard Management Team: please note all policies and procedures will be reviewed on a yearly basis, unless there is a need to implement changes prior. Please note any updates and changes will be forwarded by email.

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