



7.13 Sun Protection Policy

This policy was adopted at the meeting of Little Thetford Acorns Pre-school and Children's Club. Staff failure to comply with this policy may be considered serious enough to result in the induction of disciplinary procedures.

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Signed (on behalf of the management committee)	
Name of signatory	Kate Hilton
Role of signatory	Chair
This policy will be reviewed	Every 3 years
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Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Safeguarding and Suitability of premises, Environment and Equipment

Providers must have a clear and well-understood policy, and procedure, for assessing any risks to children's safety, and review risk assessments regularly

Policy Statement

At Little Thetford Acorns we want to ensure that staff and children enjoy the sun safely. Sun protection is particularly important for children and young people whose skin is more delicate and easily damaged. We aim to work closely with staff and parents to ensure that everyone is fully protected from the sun's rays throughout the year.

Procedures

- Sun protection is discussed interactively with all children.
- We actively encourage all children to wear a sun hat when playing outside and to drink plenty of water.
- Staff wear hats/ caps as a good example to the children.
- Children are encouraged to wear tops that cover their shoulders.
- Parents are asked to apply sunscreen to their child prior to attending the setting. If the child is staying on to attend lunch club, a further application will be applied, by a member of staff, before the child goes out to play.
- Little Thetford Acorns provide a high factor named brand of sunscreen parents are informed of this brand at the start of each summer term. If a parent has a concern on this particular brand (i.e. their child may react to the product we supply) then parents are asked to supply a bottle of sunscreen for their own child, clearly labelled with their child's name. This will be kept on the premises and used only for the named child. The setting's sunscreen has the date that it was opened clearly marked and a list of children not to have an application given.
- Only the individually named bottle of sunscreen will be applied to the individual named child. Under no circumstances will a named bottle of sunscreen be used on another child.

- If a child is unable to apply their own sunscreen, it will be applied by a member of staff who has previously been DBS checked. Sunscreen will be applied as appropriate and when necessary.
- To reduce the risk of allergic reactions, staff will wash their hands in between the application of sun cream to individual children if a different brand is being used.
- Children who are able to apply their own sunscreen will be encouraged to do so prior to exposure to the sun, with staff supervision if necessary.
- In the event of a child attending appearing not to be wearing sunscreen, and they are not to have the setting sunscreen applied, or they do not have their own named bottle, staff will recommend that the child remains either indoors or in the covered shady area for their own safety and welfare.
- The duration of direct exposure to the sun through outside play will vary depending on the conditions and the individual child. This will be at the discretion of the Manager or Deputy

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- When reapplying sun cream to the children, staff will wear disposable gloves and apron.
- When a child needs sun cream reapplying they will, where practical, taking into account the need for staff breaks, be attended to by the member of staff responsible for their group or 'bubble'.