



09 Early years practice procedures

09.19 Sun protection policy

Policy statement

At Little Doves Christian Pre-school the importance of sun protection is acknowledged. Staff work with the parents/carers and children to enjoy the sun safely.

Procedures

- Parents/carers are frequently reminded, via newsletter and texts, to apply sun protection cream to their child prior to the session starting. The pre-school keeps a spare bottle of sun protection cream (Factor 30+) on the main desk to be used if necessary.
- Parents/carers are frequently reminded, via newsletter and texts, to bring a sunhat for their child to wear and be 'sun safe' with suitable clothing. Staff will ensure that the child wears the sunhat when playing outside in the sun. The pre-school has spare hats to give to the children who forget their own.
- During the summer months at focus time, staff talk with and remind the children about being safe in the sun.
- When it is very hot and sunny:
 - children are reminded frequently and are given more opportunities to have extra drinks including ice lolly drinks
 - the temperature is checked in the main hall and staff ensures there is adequate ventilation
 - a pop-up gazebo is used to provide instant shade
 - organised activities, such as stories, water play will be carried out where there is available shade
 - staff ensure the children do not play in full sun conditions for long periods of time and are not out in the hottest part of the day
- For children who attend the pre-school for the long day session of up to 5 hours, staff are happy to reapply sun protection cream if their parents/carers have given permission on the 09.01b Registration, Sessions Requested and Permission Form.
- In the situation where a parent/carer has not previously given permission for sun protection cream to be applied and it is necessary for the cream to be applied to their child, then the parent/carer will be contacted and permission will be sought prior to application.