



Tickton Pre-school and Play Pals, Sun Safe Policy.

Working in conjunction with the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework (EYFS).

Quality and Consistency.

A Secure Foundation.

Partnership Working.

Equality of Opportunity.

Unique Child

Positive Partnerships

Enabling Environment

Learning and Developing

Tickton Pre-school and Play Pals has the responsibility to ensure that children are protected from overexposure to UV rays from the sun. The National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) guidelines for skin cancer prevention recommends that schools/pre-schools “develop, implement and monitor a specially tailored policy to ensure people are protected as much as possible”.

Tickton Pre-schools and Play Pals Sun Protection Policy.

At Tickton Pre-schools and Play Pals we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and want staff and children to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff and parents to achieve this.

EDUCATION/ GROUP DISCUSSION/ COHORT TIME

- All children will have a Sun-Smart story time during the summer term. We add a Sun-Smart song to those we normally sing around this time of year.
- Parents and guardians will be sent a letter explaining what we are doing about sun protection and how they can help at the beginning of the summer term and during the summer holidays.
- We review sun protection policy with all staff in April to develop, plan and improve practice with regards to keeping children safe in the sun.

- **Children have access to drinking water all day.**

PROTECTION

Shade:

- When the sun is strong we will encourage children to sit/play in the shade where it is available.
- Setting outdoor space will be covered using sail shades.

Clothing:

- Children are required to wear hats that cover their ears, face and neck when playing outside. All children can access a sun hat for outdoor play.
- We have bought some nursery hats to give to children who forget their own.
- Staff have agreed to wear hats when outside to set a good example.

Sunscreen:

- We send letters home asking for permission for staff to supervise children to apply sunscreen on days when the sun is strong. Good communication regarding daily sun protection is key – key persons to work with parent/carers.
- Children will need to bring in their own clearly labelled bottle of sunscreen, at least factor SPF 30/50+.
- We currently supply sunscreen to all children on a daily basis.

Education:

- Children take part in a variety of activities to reinforce the message of being safe in the sun e.g. stories, sun-smart pictures/mark making.