



## SUN PROTECTION POLICY

At Footprints Pre-School Playgroup we encourage all children to enjoy playing in and exploring the outside environment so it is imperative that we take precautionary measures against the harmful sun rays. We will work together with Parents/ Carers to achieve this through:

### Education

- All children will be encouraged to participate in activities relating to safety when out in the sun, e.g. talking about sun safety, stories, drawing pictures, shadows etc.
- Parents and guardians will be informed about what we are doing about sun protection and how they can help.

### Protection

- There will always be shade provided in the play area at the rear of Footprints.
- Children will spend more time playing outside before 11am and if possible, avoiding time after this if the sun is too hot.
- We will actively encourage all children to wear a hat when playing outside during spring/summer months. Any child not wishing to wear a hat will not be allowed to play outside.
- All parents will be asked to provide a suitable hat to be left at Footprints and kept in their child's drawer during spring/summer.
- If your child does not have a hat then Footprints will use one of their spare hats.
- All staff will also wear hats when outside to set a good example to the children.
- All children are expected to arrive in appropriate clothing, e.g. loose t-shirts, light trousers/dresses, etc

### Sunscreen:

- We expect all children to arrive at Footprints with suitable high factor sun screen already applied during spring/summer months, even on cloudy days.
- Footprints staff are unable to apply your child's sun screen and are unable to store your child's cream on the premises.

### Drinking:

- All children have access to fresh drink water throughout the session and will be encouraged to drink more during sunny days.

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