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1.10 Sun Protection Policy

Policy statement

At Stowey Bears preschool, we want all the children and staff to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff, parents and carers to achieve this through;

Education

- All children will be involved in a discussion, appropriate for their age and understanding, at the start of the summer about sun protection and the risks
- All staff will be educated in 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 on sun protection

Shade

- Where certain areas of the play space get sunny, children will be discouraged from playing there in the very hot weather.

Timetabling

- The garden area is quite open and the amount of shade is limited. During hot, sunny weather we will emphasise the importance of covering exposed skin with large hats and long sleeves and stress the benefits of wearing sun cream and drinking water. Children will spend more play times in the garden areas before 11am and after 3pm. In extremely hot weather, playtime will be kept to a minimum to avoid prolonged sessions in the sun.

Clothing

- All children will be actively encouraged to wear hats when in the garden from April onwards
- Parents should provide their children with named sunhats. (The preschool has a small supply of spare hats for those who have not brought a hat in).

Sunscreen

- Parents of children that attend for a half-day should apply sun cream to their child at home. For those children that attend for a full day, parents should apply sun cream before their child comes to nursery and staff will assist the child in re-applying it during lunchtime. Parents will be asked, when dropping off their child, if sunscreen has been applied. Parents will then sign next to their child's name as confirmation. **The preschool takes no responsibility for a child getting sun burn, where a parent has signed to say their child has received an application of sunscreen before arriving at the setting.**
- Parents are asked to give signed permission (on the registration form before admission) for sun cream to be applied for those children that are at nursery all day or after lunch, during the summer months.

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This policy was adopted by	Stowey Bears Pre-school	<i>(name of provider)</i>
On	31 st January 2020	<i>(date)</i>
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Signed on behalf of the provider	_____	
Name of signatory	Zoe Hicks	_____
Role of signatory (e.g. chair, director or owner)	Chairperson	_____

This policy was written using the current NHS guidelines and current guidance from Cancer Research UK.