



Nursery Sun Safety Policy

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DCAT Non-statutory Policy	
DCAT Model Optional Policy	
Academy Policy	✓
Local Authority Policy	

1. Aims

This policy aims to ensure that:

- Children, staff, and visitors at Little Common School Nursery are protected from the harmful effects of ultraviolet (UV) radiation.
- This policy applies to all children, staff, volunteers, and visitors during outdoor activities.

2. Legislation and statutory guidance

This policy is informed by the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS 2025) framework and relevant health guidance relating to sun safety in early years settings.

3. Little Common School Nursery Procedures

3.1 Shade and Outdoor Play

- Outdoor play scheduled to avoid peak UV hours.
- Shaded areas used where possible.
- Staff will monitor UV levels.

3.2 Clothing and Protection

- Parents encouraged to dress children in protective clothing.
- Wide-brimmed hats recommended.
- Nursery provides spare hats.

3.3 Sunscreen Use

- Parents provide consent for sunscreen application via class dojo.
- Nursery can supply factor 50 or parents provide SPF 30+ named sunscreen.
- Sunscreen applied at home before arrival; staff assist with reapplication.
- Reapplied every 2 hours or after water play.
- Personal sunscreen is not shared.

3.4 Hydration

- Children encouraged to drink water regularly.
- Water always available.

4. Roles and Responsibilities

Staff

- Support children to stay safe in the sun by ensuring access to shade, encouraging regular hydration, and assisting with the application and reapplication of sunscreen where parental consent has been given.
- Adapt outdoor activities as appropriate in response to weather conditions, UV guidance and sun exposure risks.

Parents and Carers

- Ensure children attend nursery dressed in suitable sun-protective clothing, including hats where appropriate.
- Provide named sunscreen meeting the required SPF guidance and give written consent for staff to assist with its application.

Leadership

- Ensure this policy is implemented consistently across the nursery.
- Provide guidance and support so that staff understand and follow agreed sun safety procedures.

5. Education and Awareness

- Children taught sun safety through stories and activities.
- Staff model sun-safe behaviour.
- Parents informed of policy.

6. Monitoring Arrangements

Policy reviewed annually or with updated health guidance.