

Maple Grove Community Group
Safeguarding Children – Sun Safe Policy

Sunshine and summer months are a time we all long for and look forward to after the long cold winter. A time when the winter woollies go away and the sleeveless tops and shorts come out. However, it is at this time that a young child’s skin is most vulnerable to damage from the strong sun rays. Children’s skin can burn and become red and damaged in minutes if left unprotected.

As outdoor play is a fundamental part of the Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum we need to work together to ensure your child plays safely in the sun by:

Clothing

- Consider cool cotton clothing to cover sensitive skin as much as possible.
- Footwear should be sensible, flat plimsoll, Doodle, canvas type shoes most importantly WITH SOCKS to prevent rubbing. This will ensure children can run and climb safely.
- NO ‘CROC’ type shoes.
- Always supply your child with a named sun hat.

Child attending a 3-hour session including The Grove.

- Sun cream must be applied just prior to them attending a session.
- Don’t forget named sun hat.

Child attending a session for 4 ½ hours + including The Grove

- Sun cream must be applied just prior to them attending the session.
- Don’t forget a named sun hat.
- Please ensure you have signed the consent to allow a member of staff to apply **our sun cream** on their child entry record completed at their home visit or induction.

Failure to meet the above criteria **will** result in parents being contacted and required to collect the child.

Children love to play outside and could become distressed if not allowed to play with their friends on Safeguarding and Health and Safety grounds

We will use Lacura Suncare Kids Extra Sensitive Sun Lotion. (Aldi’s own brand) 50+ Very High. ***** UVA.

The tube will be labelled with the date it is opened and used within the recommended time scale.



This policy was adopted at a meeting dated

Signed by Position