

Promoting Health and Hygiene

Sun Protection

Policy statement

Very young children have sensitive skin that can be easily damaged by the sun's dangerous UV rays. Children in our care may also spend a lot of their time outdoors during the summer months. At this young age they are unable to take responsibility for their own sun protection. So Parents and Carers have a responsibility to ensure that children are protected from the harmful effects of the sun.

Although fair skinned people are more at risk from sun damage, sun protection is relevant to both fair and dark skinned children.

Wellow Under Fives Sun Protection Policy follows the five key sun Smart skin cancer prevention messages which are:

Stay in the shade 11-3

Make sure you never burn

Always cover up - wear a t-shirt, hat.

Remember children burn more easily

Then use factor 15+ sunscreen.

EYFS key themes and commitments

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
1.4 Health and well-being	2.2 Parents as partners		

This Policy was adopted at a meeting of Wellow Under Fives Preschool

Held On	6 th December 2011
Date to be reviewed	December 2012
Signed on behalf of the management committee	
Name of signatory	Rob Blakemore
Role of signatory	Chairperson

Procedures

- Wellow under Fives current setting (Wellow Village Hall) has both natural shade with the trees and also a recently installed retractable awning with UV protection (Spring 2011). This shade allows children to play outside protected from the Sun by the shade. Children will be encouraged to play in the shade when it is sunny i.e. Water play will be placed in shaded areas.
- It is the Parents responsibility to ensure children are dressed appropriately, to ensure that they are covered up, whilst still remaining cool in hot weather.
- Parents are asked to send children with sun hats.
- We have a limited number of additional sunhats should anyone forget.
- Staff will be vigilant in ensuring children are not spending an extended amount of time in direct sunlight.
- It is the Parents responsibility to send their children already applied with long lasting waterproof Sunscreen of at least Factor 15+ on all mornings during the summer term and any other sunny days.
- **Staff will NOT apply/ re-apply sunscreen to children.**
- Parents will be reminded of the above policy throughout the summer months and any sunny spell through the Managers weekly e-mail.