

Acorn Pre-school and the Mighty Oaks Clubs, Shefford

Policy and Procedure

Sun Protection Policy

General Welfare Requirement: Safeguarding and Promoting Children’s Welfare
 States that the provider must promote the good health of the children, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection and take appropriate action when they are ill.

Policy statement

Acorn takes the health and safety of the children in its care very seriously. We acknowledge the advice given by Cancer Research UK and in particular its SunSmart campaign.

Our aim is to protect the children of the setting when playing out in the sun and to promote children’s own understanding of safety in the sun.

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	3.2 Supporting every child	

Procedures

- Parents will ensure that all children are adequately clothed in appropriate sun wear. This should consist of short sleeved tee shirt.
- Acorn will provide legionnaire style caps for the children to use during each session.
- Parents are to ensure that all children have had sunscreen applied before attending the daily sessions. In accordance with Cancer Research UK guidance, we recommend the use of only factor 15 and above sunscreen.
- If a child is attending the setting all day, parents are to ensure they apply a sunscreen which lasts for that duration or provide a named bottle of sunscreen which will be applied at lunch time.
- We will not apply sunscreen to any child without prior written consent and each application will have to be signed for.
- Where children are not adequately protected we will take steps to adapt our activities in order to protect them.
- When appropriate we provide a shaded area to protect the children whilst they play.
- We will ensure that any outdoor play is, where possible, outside of the hottest times of the day.
- We ensure that the children can access the indoor play area at all times so that they can choose to continue their play indoors.
- We ensure that there is an adequate supply of fresh drinking water available and that the children know how to access it if they feel thirsty or hot, and that cool drinks are available regularly during hot weather.
- We ensure that safe sun behaviour is modelled by the staff of the setting, providing a positive role model to all the children

Further guidance

Health and Safety Policy
Outdoor Learning Policy
Safeguarding Children Policy

This policy gained staff consent on 21st May 2012

This policy was the subject of parent consultation between 11TH June 2012

and 25th June 2012

This policy was adopted at a minuted full meeting of the Committee held on

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Confirmed on behalf of Acorn Pre-school and the Mighty Oaks Clubs

Signature

Position Date
