4. Health procedures

Acorn Pre-School & The Mighty Oaks takes the health and safety of the children in its care very seriously. We acknowledge the advice given by SKcin.org, 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.

4.7 Sun Safety

- Parents will ensure that all children are adequately clothed in appropriate sun wear. This should consist of short sleeved tee shirt.
- Acorn Pre-School & The Mighty Oaks provide legionnaire style caps for the children to use during each session. Use of baseball caps are discouraged.
- 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 30 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 monitor published UV levels and where necessary adapt our provision and activities accordingly.
- 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 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. Drinks are also provided at snack times and lunchtimes.
- We ensure that safe sun behaviour is modelled by the staff of the setting, providing a positive role model to all the children.
- We are committed to educating children of the importance of sun safety and regularly reinforcing this during warmer months to increase knowledge, influence behaviours and embed age appropriate key sun safety messages.