



## **Batford Early Years Centre**

# **Sun Safety Policy**

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Relates to:

### **Section 3 – The Statutory Framework for the EYFS – 3.2 - Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements**

*'Providers must take all necessary steps to keep children safe and well.'*

#### **Policy Statement**

At Batford Early Years Centre we want children to enjoy the sun safely. We are committed to providing information and education about the risk posed by over exposure to the sun. We will work together with parents to achieve this by keeping children protected and educated about the dangers and risks of the sun.

#### **Implementation of Policy**

##### Education and Information

- All staff will talk to their children in group times and story times in the summer term to make them aware of the importance of protection from over exposure to the sun's rays.
- Parents will be informed of the BEYC Sun Safety Policy in the Batford Nursery and Skylarks newsletters.
- Parents will be advised how they can help us protect their children from over exposure to the sun's rays whilst they are at the Centre.
- Posters and displays will be displayed around the setting advising how to protect children from over exposure to the sun.
- During the summer months we are aware that children are at a higher risk of sun burn as the sun is at its strongest. We will ensure that sun screen is available for all children attending wrap around care.

#### **'Sun Safe' Checklist;**

- All parents of children who attend BEYC wrap around care will be required to complete the Skylarks Parental Consent form in order for Batford and Skylarks staff to apply sunscreen during the day.
- All children are required to have a high factor sun protection cream applied before coming to Centre (minimum factor 30) and if this is not possible, for example in the case of allergies, they should wear long sleeved clothing and have legs covered.
- All children are required to bring and must wear a sun hat whilst playing outside. (Spare hats will be kept at the Centre).
- All children will wear suitable clothing i.e. shoulders and upper arms covered, for example by a tee shirt.
- Children must wear appropriate shoes, which are correctly fitting and allow safe running, jumping, climbing etc. Shoes with toe posts, flip flops and crocs are not suitable as they pose a health and safety risk. 'Doodles' type shoes are ideal.
- Children will have access to fresh water throughout each day.

### **Outdoor Safety**

- Staff will amend plans and activities as necessary to ensure that children can play in shaded areas of the garden and do not have over exposure to the sun. These areas include:

### **Large Garden**

- The playground canopy
- The sandpit
- Three large trees
- Selection of tents and shelters for the children to use in their play

### **Skylarks Garden**

- Canopy
- Two large trees
- Selection of tents and shelters for the children to use in their play

### **Tiny Larks/Little Larks Gardens**

- Shade Sail
- Patio Umbrella
- Selection of tents and shelters for the children to use in their play

### **Outdoor Activities**

- Activities will be planned to ensure that children do not get overheated (dens for reading or playing quietly etc.).
- Water trays will be placed in shady areas and not left unattended by staff.
- Children who are getting over-heated or who have spent a lot of time outside will be encouraged to play quietly indoors.

### **Applying sunscreen to children who attend wrap around care**

- All parents of children who attend BEYC wrap around care will be required to complete the Skylarks Parental Consent form in order for Batford and Skylarks staff to apply sunscreen during the day.
- Skylarks will supply staff teams with a list of wrap around children requiring sunscreen and the 'type' of cream that they can have applied.
- Supplies of quality, high factor, sunscreen will be purchased by BEYC and kept in Skylarks, Robin and Kingfisher rooms.
- Skylarks and Batford staff will apply sunscreen to the wrap around children after lunch and again, where applicable, at tea time.

### **Staff**

Staff should ensure that they set an appropriate example of dress and sun safety. This includes:

- Appropriate clothing; shoulders covered, appropriate necklines. Bare midriffs, strappy tops and low necklines are not appropriate as professional dress and may pose a health and safety risk.
- Appropriate footwear to carry out usual daily work. This means that sandals should be of a type that supports the foot appropriately. Toe posts, flip flops, crocs excessively high or stiletto heels, or thin strappy sandals are inappropriate.

### **Recommendations**

- It is wise to apply a high factor sunscreen whilst at work and to understand that this should be re applied during the day.
- It is wise to wear a hat if exposed to the sun for any length of time.
- It is wise to drink plenty of water when the weather is hot.

