



## **SUN CARE POLICY**

Monkey Puzzle Day Nursery is committed to ensuring that all children are fully protected from the dangers of too much sun. Severe sunburn in childhood can lead to the development of malignant melanoma (the most dangerous type of skin cancer) in later life.

We use the following procedures to keep children safe and healthy in the sun:

- Children must have a clearly named sun hat which will be worn at all times whilst outside in sunny weather. This hat will preferably be of legionaries design (i.e. with an extended back and side to shield children's neck and ears from sun) to provide additional protection
- Parents are asked to supply sun cream for their children and this must be clearly labelled with the child's name. Staff members must have prior written consent to apply the cream.
- Children need light-weight cotton clothing suitable for the sun, with long sleeves and long legs if prone to sunburn
- Children's safety outside in the sun is the nursery's prime objective so staff will work closely with parents to ensure all appropriate cream and clothing is provided
- Children will not be out in the sun between 11.00am – 3.00pm on hot days, the manager has the final decision as to if it is acceptable conditions to go out after 3pm on hot days
- Children will always have sun cream applied before going outside in the sun and at frequent intervals during the day
- Children are offered cooled water more frequently throughout sunny or warm days
- Children are made aware of the need for sun hats, sun cream and the need to drink more fluids during their time in the sun
- Staff will make day-to-day decisions about the length of time spent outside dependant on the strength of the sun, the manager has the final decision as to if it is acceptable conditions to go out after 3pm on hot days
- Shade will be provided to ensure children are able to cool down or escape the sun should they wish or need to