



John Wilkinson Primary School and Nursery Out of School Hours Provision

Sun Safety Policy

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STATEMENT OF INTENT

At **John Wilkinson Nursery and out of school hours provision** we want all staff and children to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff and parents to achieve this through:

Education

- Parents and carers will be sent a letter explaining what we are doing about sun protection and how we can help, at the beginning of the summer term.

Shade

- On a hot day, we will provide a shaded area in the outside playground with fabric and pegs.

Timetabling

- Children will spend most time playing outside before 11am. Staff will assess weather conditions and make suitable provision for outside play within the boundaries, meeting statutory requirements and staffing ratios.

Clothing

- We will actively encourage all children to wear a hat when playing outside.
- All staff will wear hats when outside, to set a good example.
- We will actively encourage children to wear suitable clothing that covers their shoulders (vests and strappy tops will be discouraged).

Sunscreen

- We will advise parents and carers on a regular basis that they must apply sunscreen **before** their children attend a session.

Children attending Nursery all day

- We will send letters home asking for permission for staff to supervise children applying sunscreen at lunchtime, during the summer months.
- Written parental permission must be given. If this has not been successful, staff will telephone on the day. If all attempts fail, the child will be encouraged to choose activities indoors and will not be allowed outside.
- Children will need to bring in their own clearly labelled bottle of factor 15+ sunscreen.
- Sunscreen must not be kept in children's bags. A basket will be supplied for bottles to go in, and this will be moved out of children's reach.