

20.1 Safety in the Sun Policy

Principle

Outdoor play is a vital area of our play planning and routine therefore we are conscious of the effects of the weather on the children. Sun protection is vital to the staff and children at all times and especially during the summer months. We at Fun 4U Club are aware of the health hazards prolonged periods in direct sunshine can be to both children and staff.

Statement of Intent

Fun 4U Club believes that

- Consideration of the season and time of day must be taken into consideration when planning outdoor play sessions.
- Appropriate clothing must be worn by both children and staff at all times.
- In sunny weather sun hats must be worn and sun cream applied.

Procedure

- Before planning outdoor activities staff should always consider what season it is and at what time of day this session will take place.
- Children must have suitable seasonal clothing on before embarking on outdoor play sessions.
- During the summer months and periods of hot sunny weather parents will be advised to provide their own sun protection which their child will apply themselves under staff supervision.
- During these periods of warm weather extra refreshments should be available to both children and staff to avoid dehydration.
- Whenever possible play will take place in a shaded area.
- No outdoor play will take place in the midday sun during the summer season.
- On the occasion of exceptionally hot/clear weather play times will rotate indoor and outdoor so that children are not in the direct sunlight for prolonged periods of time.