

SUNSMART PROTECTION PROCEDURE

Aim

To ensure that children and staff are adequately protected from the sun.

At New Millside Pre-school we want staff and children to enjoy the sun safely; we will work with staff and parents to achieve this.

The sun's rays are particularly strong over the summer and can damage children's skin; the children will be encouraged to wear a hat when they play outside so please send your child to pre-school wearing a comfortable wide brimmed hat or legionnaire style cap.

The children will play outside more before 11am and less after lunch, unless they are under the covered area. We will provide shade where ever necessary

Your support is very important, you can help by;

- Talking to your child about the importance of sun protection at home
- Remembering to send your child to pre-school with a wide brimmed hat and sunscreen applied
- Completing and returning the sunscreen letter

New Millside Pre-school is a Rights Respecting Early Years Setting and has the UN Convention on the Rights of Child at the heart of its core values. We prepare the community to recognise the universality of children's rights and to support the rights of other locally and globally and ensure we have strong arrangements for protecting children from all forms of abuse and harassment

Sunscreen;

It is your responsibility to ensure that your child comes to pre-school with sunscreen applied (at least factor 30), a wide brimmed or legionnaire style hat (we can supply as part of our uniform) and tops that cover shoulders – vests and strappy tops are discouraged, the children may wear UV protective sunglasses. Children who are with us all day will have sunscreen reapplied at lunch time that is supplied by the parent and would ask for factor 30 or above – this should be placed in the child's drawer – clearly marked with the child's name.

Free play lasts for approximately 90 mins and during this time the children access the outside area as much as possible, we limit the amount of time they spend in the direct sun and encourage the use of the covered area – *but we will assume your child has sunscreen on at the start of session unless you inform us differently*

Shade – In the outside area;

We are using gazebos to cover the children whilst playing with the equipment on the mats or tables.

Timetabling;

Children will spend a limited amount of time in the outside area.

Refreshments;

Water is available to the children at all times.