

Sunscreen and Protective Summer Clothing Policy

Statement of intent

At Trull Saplings Preschool we want all children and staff to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff, parents and carers to achieve this.

Our Aims

Education

All children will be involved in a discussion, appropriate for their age and understanding, at the start of the summer about sun protection and the risks. All staff will be educated in the importance of sun protection and the risks involved in not protecting both themselves and others. Parents and carers will be informed about our policy on sun protection.

Method

Trull Saplings Preschool will take the following measures to make sure the children's safety is paramount throughout these sunny periods.

Shade

Where certain areas of the outside space get sunny, children will be discouraged from playing there in the very hot weather.

We will make use of our sun-sail to increase the area of shade available in the outside space during the summer months.

Timetabling

Children will spend more play times in the garden areas before 11am. In extremely hot weather, playtime will be kept to a minimum to avoid prolonged sessions in the sun.

Clothing

All children will be actively encouraged to wear hats when in the garden from April through to October.

Parents should provide their children with named sunhats throughout this period when in attendance at Preschool.

Staff have agreed to wear hats in the garden to provide a positive role model for the children.

Please make sensible decisions when selecting footwear for your child during the warmer months. Open-toed sandals/flip flops pose a greater risk of injury to your children's feet and for that reason we would request that you do not send your child into setting with such footwear. Crocs (or equivalent brands) can also often stick quite dramatically to the flooring in our setting and despite some claims on particular styles of 'Crocs' we have had experience of these shoes also being a slipping hazard. Please be mindful of these potential risks when selecting footwear for your child.

Procedure

Parents will be made aware of our Sunscreen and Protective Summer Clothing Policy upon registering for a place for their child.

Parents will sign to give permission for our staff to apply sunscreen to their child during session within the application pack for new starters (whether our in-house supply or sunscreen provided by parents/carers whose children have medical allergies and thus need a specific brand).

At the beginning of each summer term, we will reissue our Sunscreen and Protective Summer Clothing Policy and request that parents/carers advise us of any changes in their child's health that may prevent us from applying our in-house sunscreen.

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All parents/carers should apply sunscreen to their child before sending them into setting between the months of April and July (unless advised otherwise by the Preschool).

For those children that attend a full day session, staff will reapply sunscreen by 1pm.

In extreme sunny weather, staff may find it necessary to top up sun cream more regularly or keep children indoors between 11:30am and 3:00pm.

Where, on a rare occasion, a parent/carer has not applied sunscreen prior to session, it is their responsibility to inform their child's Key Person so that they can be given access to the Preschool's in-house supply of sunscreen for the parent/carer to apply to their child before the parent/carer departs the setting.

If parents/carers send their child into Preschool without having applied sunscreen and do not make their child's Key Person aware of the fact, Trull Saplings Preschool will not be held responsible for any ill effects this may have to the child's health as a consequence; it is the parents/carers responsibility to ensure that sunscreen is applied before leaving their child to attend session.

Following the recommendations of allergy guidelines, staff will wear a separate set of disposable gloves to apply sunscreen to each individual child, thus controlling the possibility of cross contamination and the activation of allergies.

Trull Saplings Preschool uses **Soltan Kids Sensitive Protect Spray SPF50+** as our in-house sunscreen supply.*

Where a parent/carer is aware that their child has specific allergies that require their child to use a different sunscreen, it is the parents/carers responsibility to provide a bottle of their preferred sunscreen, fully labelled with their child's name, to remain in Preschool for daily use.

An additional charge will be applied to all summer term invoices refer to **Fees Policy** to cover the cost of our in-house sunscreen (except in those cases where a parent whose child with allergies has to supply their own sunscreen for medical reasons).

Linked Policies

Our Sunscreen & Protective Summer Clothing policy links directly with the following other policies within our setting:

- Fees policy
- Health & safety policy

This policy was agreed by the Trull Saplings Preschool Committee in February 2019 and will be reviewed in August 2019

Jane Gibson

Chair

For and on behalf of Trull Saplings Preschool

*Soltan Kids Sensitive Protect Spray SPF50+ Ingredients:

Aqua (Water), Alcohol denat., C12-15 alkyl benzoate, Octocrylene, Butyl methoxydibenzoylmethane, Butylene glycol, Tridecyl salicylate, Methylene bis-benzotriazolyl tetramethylbutylphenol (nano), Adipic acid/diglycol crosspolymer, Bis-ethylhexyloxyphenol methoxyphenyl triazine, Acrylates/octylacrylamide copolymer, Polyglyceryl-3 methylglucose distearate, Diethylhexyl butamido triazone, Decyl glucoside, Potassium cetyl phosphate, Cetearyl alcohol, Triethanolamine, Ethylhexyl salicylate, Tocopheryl acetate, Vitis vinifera (Grape) seed oil, Acrylates/C10-30 alkyl acrylate crosspolymer, Xanthan gum, Glycerin, Tetrasodium EDTA, Propylene glycol, Sodium ascorbyl phosphate, Panax ginseng root extract