



Sun and Extreme Weather Protection

Sun Protection

Very young children have sensitive skin that can easily be damaged by the sun's dangerous UV rays. Children may spend a lot of their time outdoors during the summer months. At this young age they are unable to take responsibility for their own sun protection. Staff at Whitsers have a responsibility to ensure that children are protected from the harmful effects of the sun.

Whitsers want staff and children to enjoy the sun safely. We will work alongside parents to achieve this.

Education

At the start of the summer term a letter will be sent to the parents/carers reminding them of our sun protection policy and ways they can help us to achieve this.

The staff will talk to the children during circle time using activities from the sun smart website.

Protection

There are areas of tree shade within the garden and also we have a UV roof canopy.

We will aim to bring the children inside on very hot days before 11am, this may alter the structure of the session. We may be unable to adopt a free flow session on very hot days to protect the children from sunburn and heatstroke. The setting has an extractor fan which blows cool air around the room.

Fresh water is available at all times, inside and outside and replenished regularly. We also have water play to help keep them cool.

Parents are advised to supply a named sun hat for their child. Children will not be able to go outside without a sunhat. Whitsers have many spare hats for the children to borrow. Whitsers staff will set a good example by wearing sun hats themselves.

Parents are asked to apply waterproof sun cream SPF+30 to their child prior to the start of the playgroup session. If children have not had sun cream applied, they will be unable to play outside. Children are encouraged to wear tops that cover their shoulders and sensible footwear (not flip flops).

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If parents wish the staff to reapply sun cream during the session, they should provide a named bottle and fill in a consent form.

Cold Protection

Young children can get cold easily and with free flow play available they may want to spend long periods of time outside. At Whitsers we need to ensure that these children are suitably dressed for the conditions on that day. It is an exciting experience for a child to play in snow and ice and we feel it is important that children can explore the outside environment safely. We will work alongside parents to achieve this.

Education

At the start of the Winter Term a letter will be sent to the parents/carers reminding them of our Cold Protection policy and ways they can help us to achieve this.

We will include in our curriculum cold weather activities and the importance of wrapping up warmly when playing outside.

Protection

All children are encouraged to bring in a named coat, hat and gloves which are placed on our moveable coat trolley. All in one waterproof suits are ideal in snowy weather. Sensible shoes/boots should be worn at all times. Whitsers have a box of wellington boots which the children can borrow.

All paths into the building and in the garden are gritted to eliminate slip hazards.

Due to extreme weather conditions Whitsers may have to close, please see Emergency Closure policy.

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