



Chieveley Pre-School: Sun Safety Policy

Reviewed and updated in line with EYFS 2024, guidance from Skcin (national skin cancer charity), and Early Years best practices.

Too much exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun causes sunburn, skin damage and increases the risk of skin cancer. Sun exposure in the first 15 years of life contributes significantly to the lifetime risk of skin cancer.

1. Purpose

Chieveley Pre-School aims to reduce UV exposure through education, partnership with families, and environmental protection strategies. We support children in developing life-long sun-safe habits.

2. Key Principles

- **Partnership:** Working with parents, staff and the wider community to raise sun safety awareness.
- **Education:** Promoting sun safety understanding from an early age through active learning.
- **Protection:** Providing an environment that enables safe outdoor play during warmer months.

3. Partnership

- Staff will act as sun safety role models, wearing appropriate clothing, sun hats and sunscreen.
- Parents are informed of the importance of providing appropriate sun protection gear.
- Sun safety messages will be promoted in newsletters and communication with families.

4. Education

- Children will be taught the Slip, Slop, Slap message (Slip on a shirt, Slop on sunscreen, Slap on a hat).
- The 'George the Sun Safe Superstar' story will be read and discussed to reinforce sun safety messages.
- Staff will encourage sun safety habits through play and daily routines.



5. Protection

- **Shade:** The outdoor play area includes a large wooden shelter for use during hot weather. Children will be encouraged to use it appropriately.
- **Clothing:** Children will be encouraged to wear loose-fitting clothing that covers shoulders, as well as sun hats. Parents will be reminded to provide these.
- **Sunscreen:** Parents are asked to apply sunscreen before arrival. Spare hats and high-quality sunscreen will be available on site if needed.
- **Water:** Children will be reminded to drink water more frequently during hot days, especially before and after outdoor play.

6. Review and Approval

This policy will be reviewed annually or following significant changes in legislation or after any incident that highlights a need for policy revision. The Pre-School Manager and committee will approve all changes.

This notice was reviewed and adopted by the Chieveley Pre-School committee.

Signed Preschool Manager:



Date: 04/09/2025

Signed Preschool Chair:



Date: 13.08.25