

General Welfare Requirement: Safeguarding and Promoting Children's Welfare

The provider must promote the good health of the children, take necessary steps to prevent the spread of infection, and take appropriate action when they are ill.

Promoting health and hygiene

1.27 Sun Protection Policy

Policy statement

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. At Rainbow Pre-School we want the staff and children to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff and parents to achieve this. It is the responsibility of each parent/carer to apply a sunscreen (full day sunscreen if attending all day) to their child before bringing them to Rainbow. It is Rainbow Policy that staff will not apply sun cream to children.

Rainbow Pre-School's sun protection policy has been developed to ensure that all children and staff are protected from damaging levels of ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun.

EYFS key themes and commitments

A Unique Child	Positive Relationships	Enabling Environments	Learning and Development
1.2 Inclusive practice 1.4 Health and well-being	2.2 Parents as partners 2.4 Key person	3.2 Supporting every child	

Procedures

All children and staff use a combination of sun protection measures throughout the day to ensure they are all protected.

- **Shade** – We have a canopy and large gazebo to provide shelter and shade across a small part of the play area. The availability of shade is considered when planning excursions and outdoor activities. Children are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside.
- **Clothing** – When outside, parents are advised to dress their children in loose fitting clothing that covers as much skin as possible. Tops with elbow length sleeves, and knee length or longer style shorts and skirts are best.
- **Hats** – Parents are advised to send their children with named hats that protect their face, neck and ears, e.g. legionnaire style. We will actively encourage all children to wear a sun hat when playing outside and children who do not have their own will be asked to wear a Rainbow one.
- **Sharing information about sun protection** – We will talk about the sun and its effects on us on a regular basis. Families are provided with information on this policy and sun protection through newsletters and other information.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of

Rainbow Pre School

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Signed on behalf of the management
committee

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Role of signatory (e.g. chair/owner)

Co-chairs

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