

SHIRLEY CHILDREN'S CENTRE SUN PROTECTION POLICY

This policy links to the following:

- Use of children's centres by other agencies
- Volunteering
- Partnership with parents
- Learning, play and play equipment
- Family trips and off-site activities

Document control

Amendment History

Version/Issue Number	Date	Author	Remarks/Reason for change	Review Date
1	October 2014	Eyullahemaye Henry-Miller	To be ratified by the governing body	October 2015
2	October 2018	Nicky Cook & Katie Coomber	As above	October 2019
3	November 2019	Katie Coomber	Reviewed	November 2020

Sun Protection Policy

Statement of intent / policy statement

Shirley Children's Centre understands the dangers posed to children and staff from over exposure to the sun, and will therefore take all reasonable steps to minimise these risks.

Aim / purpose

Shirley Children's Centre will:

- Endeavour to protect children and staff from over-exposure to the sun
- Encourage parents/ carers to provide the appropriate sun care protective measures for their children

Scope

This policy applies to everyone in the centre including staff, volunteers, families and visitors.

'Staff' includes both those employed by the Croydon Council as well as those from other agencies who provide services for the centre, as part of the multi-agency framework delivering the Early Years Matters change for children agenda. This also applies to staff from the statutory and non-statutory sector; the latter includes private, voluntary and independent groups.

Legal context

This policy is covered by:

- Statutory Guidance: Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018
- The Children Acts 2004, Adoption and Children Act 2002
- The Protection of Children Act 1999
- Health and Safety at Work Act 1974
- The Childcare Act 2006
- Every Child Matters: change for children 2004. Outcomes: **Be healthy, Stay safe, Enjoy and achieve**
- The Early Years Foundation Stage Principles 2018: **A Unique Child, Positive Relationships, Enabling Environments, Learning and Development**

Mandatory systems and procedures

The Children's Centre Manager will ensure that the following measures are in place and respected:

- Parents/carers are encouraged to provide sunscreen and suitable sun hats for their children
- Parental/carers consent will be sought to enable staff to apply sunscreen when and where necessary
- Shady places are always available to children when playing outside
- Staff will encourage children to increase their fluid consumption during hot weather to mitigate the effects of the sun's heat
- Staff will encourage children to wear their sun hats when playing outside in sunny weather

- Staff will model good behaviour to the children and their families, by wearing sun hats and avoiding spending excessive amounts of time in direct sunlight

Implementation / methods

- The Children's Centre Manager will ensure that all staff will risk assess the strength of the sun, at regular intervals during the day, if they are working with children outside the centre
- All staff will be reminded of the importance of protecting the children, and themselves, from direct sunlight for prolonged periods
- Staff responsible for children playing outside will ensure that the children have access to a sufficient quantity of water, to avoid dehydration
- Staff working outside with children will ensure that they use their sunhats to avoid sunburn and play in the shade where possible

Monitoring and reviewing

- It is the responsibility of the Children's Centre Manager to monitor and review the effectiveness of all policies relating to the centre
- The Children's Centre Manager will review and update this policy as needed each year
- The Children's Centre Manager will update and amend this policy and its procedures in line with any emerging and relevant government legislation or Croydon Council guidance

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It is intended that by adopting this policy and keeping staff, volunteers, families and the management committee informed/trained and up-to-date with procedures, the centre can avoid the need for complaints. However, the Children's Centre Manager is the first point of contact should any queries arise over this policy and its related procedures.

Policy endorsement

This policy is agreed and signed by the governing body of Forest Academy School