



Wickham Montessori Sun Protection Policy

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At Wickham Montessori we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and want staff and children to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff and parents to achieve this through:

Parents and guardians will be informed about what we do about sun protection and how they can help at the beginning of the summer term and during summer holidays.

Protection:

- We will encourage students to sit/play in the shade where it is available.
- We have erected sails over the children play area.
- We have bought a pop-up gazebo to provide instant shade.
- Avoid using the top garden before 3pm or when the heat has subsided.
- Use the shade of the woods during the day and set up Forest school activities for the older children

Timetabling:

- Children will spend more time playing outside before 11am and after 3pm, and throughout the day if cooler than the inside classrooms.
- Always have water play as this will help to keep the children cool.

Clothing:

- Children are required to wear hats that cover the ears, face and neck between all times when outside.
- We have bought some nursery hats to give to children who forget their own.
- All staff should wear hats when outside to set a good example.

Sunscreen:

- Parents have been asked to put 12 hour sunscreen on children before bringing them to school.
- Parents have been asked to supply additional sunscreen to top up when needed.
- Children will need to bring in their own clearly labelled bottle of sunscreen, at least factor 15+.
- Permission is given by parents for us to apply sun cream to children.
- We cannot currently supply sunscreen to all children on a daily basis because of cost.

Drinks & food:

Fresh cold water will be available at all times for the children.

Ice lollies and frozen ice pops should be available.

All staff should be aware of the possibility of **Heat stroke - Heat exhaustion - Heat stress**. See attached leaflets from Public Health England for further guidelines.