

Sun Protection Policy

At St Helens we want staff and children to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff and parents to achieve this through:

EDUCATION

- Parents and carers will be sent a letter explaining what we are doing about sun protection and how they can help at the beginning of the summer term.
- All children will have a sunsmart story-time at the start of the summer term.
- All children will be able to paint sunsmart pictures to re-enforce the sun protection messages.
- We will be running a special sunsmart week including a staff meeting in April.
- We will introduce looking at the weather daily.

PROTECTION

Shade:

- We have a pop-up gazebo to provide instant shade.
- We have a front porch for parents in the waiting area.
- Parasols

Times:

- Children will spend more time playing outside before 11 am and after 3pm, and less time outside over lunchtime.

Clothing:

- We will actively encourage all children to wear a hat when playing outside.
- We have some nursery hats to give to the who forget their own.
- All staff have also agreed to wear hats when outside to set a good example.

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Sunscreen:

- We will send letters home asking for permission for staff to apply and supervise children applying sunscreen before going outside.
- Children will need to bring in their own clearly labeled bottle of factor 15+ sunscreen.

This policy was developed with the help of staff, parents and local health advisors in March 2008.

We will monitor our progress and review the policy annually.