

St Helen's Pre-school 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:

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. Children will be encouraged to be aware of the weather and to plan for their time outdoors in terms of ensuring that they are appropriately dressed for the weather conditions each day.

Areas of shade will be created in the garden and children will be encouraged to be aware of their need for shade.

Staff will ensure that Forest school sessions take place in the more shady areas available when the weather is very hot and sunny.

Children will spend more time playing outside before 11 am. If the garden is too hot and sunny children will have lunch indoors.

All children are actively encouraged to wear a hat outdoors in sunny weather; we provide hats to ensure that all children can access the outdoor environment.

Sunscreen:

Parents are expected to take responsibility for their child's sun protection – see attached letter for details.

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