



Sun Protection Policy

Rationale

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 contribute significantly to the lifetime risk of skin cancer.

At Hellys Angels we want all staff and children to enjoy the sun safely. I will do everything I can to ensure that your child is protected from the damaging effects of exposure to the sun

Procedure

I will need you to provide me with:

- Written consent for me to assist in the application of sun cream (part of the general consent forms section in the admission pack)
- sun cream suitable for your child (high factor of 50+), in date, and clearly labelled with their name.
- Written consent for the childminder to apply their own sun cream in the event a parent/carer forgets to bring their child's sun cream, or it runs out before a new one has been brought into the setting. This is to safeguard against allergic reaction to a different brand.
- a sun hat (preferably a Legionnaires' hat to protect the neck);
- a thin top/cardigan/t-shirt with long sleeves.
- Sun glasses (if practical)

Application of sun protection-parent and childminder's responsibilities:

- I require that parents/carers of children who attend the setting for a half day, should apply sun cream to their child at home, prior to coming into the setting.
- For those children attending for a full day, parents/carers should apply cream to their children before they come into the setting, and then I will assist the child in re-applying it during the day when necessary. Parents/carers are welcome to keep their child's sun cream at the setting. This will be stored away and looked after by the childminder, out of reach of the children.

- I will ensure that your child has the sun cream that you have provided, applied and that he/she wears their sun hat.
- I will also avoid spending prolonged periods of time outdoors during the hottest part of the day, and when outdoors I will try and protect your child by finding shady areas.
- I will encourage your child to drink water regularly to prevent dehydration.

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Action/Amendments to be taken following review	