



Sun Safety Policy

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At Pavilion Pre-School (Aigburth), we want all children and staff to enjoy spending time outdoors while ensuring that they are protected from the potential harmful effects of the sun. We recognise the importance of promoting good sun-safety habits from an early age and will work in partnership with parents and carers to ensure children remain safe, comfortable and well hydrated during warmer weather.

Education

We will promote sun safety through discussion, role modelling and everyday practice.

- Staff will discuss sun safety with parents and carers, including the importance of appropriate clothing, hats, sunscreen and hydration.
- Staff will talk to children about the importance of staying safe in the sun in an age-appropriate way.
- Children will be encouraged to understand why we seek shade, wear hats, drink water and protect our skin.
- Staff will model appropriate sun-safety behaviours and encourage children to develop healthy habits that they can use both at pre-school and at home.



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Shade

- Children will have access to shaded areas of the garden, particularly during the strongest sunshine.
- Additional shade canopies or other suitable forms of shade will be provided during periods of particularly hot or sunny weather.
- Staff will make day-to-day decisions about outdoor play, taking into account the strength of the sun, temperature and weather conditions.
- Where necessary, outdoor activities will be adapted, shortened or moved to a more suitable time of day to reduce children's exposure to strong sunlight.
- Children will be encouraged to play in shaded areas when appropriate.

Clothing

- Children will be encouraged to wear a sun hat whenever they are playing outside during warm and sunny weather.
- Parents and carers are asked to provide a named sun hat for their child.
- We encourage children to wear lightweight clothing that covers the shoulders and provides protection from the sun.
- Loose-fitting, lightweight cotton clothing is particularly suitable during hot weather.
- Staff will remind parents and carers that appropriate clothing is an important part of protecting children's skin from sun exposure.

Sunscreen

- Parents and carers are encouraged to apply a sunscreen with a minimum SPF of 30 to their child before attending pre-school on sunny days.



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- Where a child attends for a full day, parents and carers are encouraged to provide a clearly named bottle of sunscreen for their child.
- Sunscreen provided by parents or carers should be suitable for their child's age and clearly labelled with the child's name.
- Staff will support children to develop independence by assisting them with the application of sunscreen where appropriate and in accordance with the setting's procedures and parental consent.
- Children will be encouraged to understand the importance of protecting their skin when playing outdoors.

Refreshments and Hydration

- Children will have frequent access to fresh drinking water throughout the session.
- Staff will encourage children to drink regularly, particularly during warm weather and after periods of active outdoor play.
- Water will be readily accessible to children and staff will monitor children's fluid intake during particularly hot weather.
- Additional opportunities for drinks will be provided when required.

Working in Partnership with Parents and Carers

We recognise that effective sun safety requires a partnership between the pre-school and families. Parents and carers are encouraged to provide suitable sun hats, appropriate clothing and sunscreen, and to discuss sun safety with their children at home.

Staff will communicate with parents and carers when weather conditions are particularly hot or sunny and will make appropriate adjustments to the daily routine to ensure children's health, safety and wellbeing remain our priority.



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This policy was adopted in 2025.

It will be reviewed annually or as and when required.

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Signed by Chair of Trustees:

Signed by Operations Manager: