

## -Health and Wellbeing

### Sun Protection Policy

## Statutory Framework for the Early Years Foundation Stage 2014

### Quote Reference: 3:2

*'Providers must take all necessary steps to keep children safe and well'*

### **Purpose of the Policy**

The purpose of the policy is to ensure the Family Centre promotes sun safety and protect children in their care from over exposure to direct sunlight.

We Aim to:

- Provide access to the outdoor environment at all times unless to do so would be dangerous.
- Provide sunscreen and a sunhat (if parents do not provide one)
- Limit children's exposure to strong sunlight.
- Inform parents and children of how to be safe in the sun.

### **What you should do:**

- Familiarise yourself with the brand of suncream used by the Family Centre and make us aware if it is not suitable for your child.
- If the Family Centre brand of suncream is not suitable inform staff of the previous sensitivity or allergy and provide a suitable brand yourself.
- Provide a sunhat and suitable clothing when the weather is warm.
- Work in partnership with the Family Centre and follow advice on sun safety to limit the risks to your child whilst in your care.

### **What we will do:**

- Provide and use gloves to apply sun cream regularly. The sun cream used will be no less than factor 15 and 4 stars, which are hypo – allergic, water resistant and protects against UVA/UVB.
- Provide a sunhat, if parents have not provided one.
- Limit the time children are exposed to strong sunlight between 11am and 3pm.

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- Display the **Be Sunsmart Information** and draw parents attention to the **Be Sunsmart Leaflet** resources available at Sun, UV and cancer | Cancer Research UK
- Provide opportunities within activities to talk to children about the dangers associated with over exposure to the sun appropriate to the age of the child.
- Provide access to drinking water at all times and encouraged children and staff to drink water regularly.