28. Sun Protection Policy

Policy Statement

Links Childcare Sun Protection Policy has been developed to ensure that all children are protected from damaging levels of UVR from the sun. As children’s skin is extremely sensitive at this young age this policy must be carefully considered throughout the whole year, but especially during the warmer summer months.

Sun Protection Procedure

- Children are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears from the sun. Parents are expected to provide hats.

- It is recommended that water resistant SPF 30+, broad spectrum sunscreen is available for children’s use. Parents must provide sunscreen for their child; the sunscreen must be clearly labelled and will be stored in a cool place out of children’s reach. Sunscreen is applied at least 15-20 minutes before going outdoors and re-applied every two hours or according to the manufacturer’s instructions.

- Children in direct sunlight should use shade whenever possible.

- Children are provided with regular fluid.

- Staff adhere to the Hand Hygiene Policy between each child’s sunscreen application.

Review

Management, in consultation with staff, monitors and reviews the effectiveness of this policy yearly or as required.