59. SUN SAFETY

Policy statement

At ASK, we aim to promote sun safe behaviour amongst our children and staff by encouraging and reinforcing positive habits. Our hours at ASK form part of the peak hours of the sun's strength and as such there are several areas that we target and ask for parental support.

Procedures

Hats and clothing

- We encourage all children and members of staff to wear sun hats to ASK which they wear during outdoor play in the courtyard and at Forest School.
- Hats should ideally be wide brimmed or legionnaire style with a flap at the back to protect the back of the neck.
- All hats should be clearly named.
- During periods of strong sun, we recommend that children do not wear vest type or strappy tops to come to ASK.

Sunglasses

- Protection of the eyes is especially important for young children and we do recommend that children use sunglasses.
- All sunglasses should be clearly named.

Sunscreen

- During the summer, we ask that before coming to ASK, parents apply a high factor sun cream or sun block to children.
- Sun cream should ideally be waterproof so that it will not come off through perspiration or during water play.
- ASK does not supply sun cream.
- Parents should ensure that there is a named bottle of sun cream in their child's bag throughout the Summer term.
- Sun cream will be re-applied throughout the day, if necessary, and providing that parents have agreed to this by signing the Sun Cream permission section on the ASK Registration Form.

Providing shade

- The outdoor courtyard area has some shade provided by the shadow of the building and the church tower.
- Our outdoor Forest School area has plenty of shade at all times provided by the overhead tree canopy.
- Activities will be set up in the shade.
- Children have the option of staying inside if they don't want to be outside in the sun.

Water

- Water is freely available throughout all our sessions.
- Children are made aware of this provision.

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