

Hemingford Grey Playgroup

Policy: Sun Protection

September 2016

Introduction

Hemingford Grey Playgroup accepts that sun protection is an important issue and we endeavour to promote sun safety through education and a wide variety of protective measures.

At the beginning of each Summer Term, parents are issued with a copy of our Sun Protection Policy.

- We ask parents/carers to ensure that children have sunscreen applied before the start of a Playgroup session.
- Where a child is staying at Playgroup for more than a single session in any one day, sunscreen will be reapplied. Parents need to complete a permission slip stating that they are happy for a member of staff to support their child in the application of sunscreen. The level of support needed for this will depend on the age and developmental stage of the child, as they work towards independence.
- Parents must supply sunscreen for their own child in a named bottle. If no such sunscreen is provided, the child will not have sunscreen reapplied and will not be allowed to play outside.
- Children should also bring a named sunhat to each Playgroup session. We will not allow children outside in the sunny weather without a sunhat, but do have a supply of spare hats for children who have forgotten their own.
- We recommend that children are dressed in tops which cover the shoulder area.
- The staff agree to lead by example, wearing sunhats and sensible clothing.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of Hemingford Grey Playgroup Committee, held on 10th March 2010, and reviewed at a meeting held on 17 December 2013 and 21st September 2016.

Signed by the chairperson on behalf of the Committee:

..... (Chairperson's name - block capitals)

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Keeping the Children Safe in the Sun

As we are all aware, the weather lately has been very variable, with sudden changes in temperature and sun intensity. We are taking this opportunity to remind all parents of our policy on Sun Protection at Playgroup and parents' responsibilities in helping us to ensure that the children are safe whilst in our care.

May-September (and during any other periods of sunny weather):

- Please **apply sunscreen** (the NHS recommends at least factor 15 with a 4 or 5 star rating) before the start of a Playgroup session, even on a cloudy or cold day.
- Where a child is staying at Playgroup for more than a single session in any one day, **sunscreen will be reapplied** (even if 8-hour sunscreen has been applied in the morning as these (even waterproof varieties) can wash off e.g. during wet play or washing of face and hands). Please complete a permission slip stating that you are happy for a member of staff to support your child in the application of sunscreen. The level of support needed for this will depend on the age and developmental stage of the child, as they work towards independence.
- Please **supply sunscreen** for your own child **in a named bottle**. If no such sunscreen is provided, your child will not have sunscreen reapplied and we cannot allow them to play outside.
- Please also **supply a named sunhat** (wide brimmed or legionnaire style are recommended) to each Playgroup session. We will not allow children outside in the sunny weather without a sunhat, but do have a supply of spare hats for children who have forgotten their own.
- Please ensure that your child is dressed in **clothing that covers the shoulder area**.

Please contact us if you have any queries relating to this issue.

Best wishes and many thanks for you cooperation,