**General Welfare Requirement: Safeguarding and Promoting Children’s Welfare**

The provider must take necessary steps to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

**Promoting Health and Hygiene and Safeguarding Children**

**3.9 Sun Protection Policy**

**Policy statement**

We maintain the highest possible standards to ensure that each child is safely cared for during their time with us.

**EYFS key themes and commitments**

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| **A Unique Child** | **Positive Relationships** | **Enabling Environments** | **Learning and Development** |
| 1.4 Health and well-being | 2.1 Respecting each other | 3.2 Supporting every child |  |

Sandbach Heath (St. John’s) Playgroup wants the staff and children to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff and parents to achieve this.

**Education:** *these measures are in place*

* We will talk to the children about the sun.
* We will encourage the children to draw pictures to reinforce the sun protection message.
* Parents and guardians will be sent a letter to explain what we are doing about sun protection and how they can help at the beginning of the summer term.
* All staff will be made aware of the sun protection policy.
* We will keep as many activities as possible in the shady area of the garden.

**Protection:**

*Sunscreen*

* We ask parents to apply sunscreen before the start of their child’s session.
* We will also supply sunscreen to ensure children remain adequately covered and topped up during their stay with us.
* The sunscreen will be factor 15+ or above
* We will ask for written parental permission to apply sunscreen to the children before they go out to play in the sun.

*Clothing*

* Parents will be encouraged to send their children in tops which cover their shoulders (not vests or strappy tops).
* We will actively encourage children to wear sun hats when playing outside from May each year or earlier if necessary.
* Parents will be asked to provide a named sunhat for their child.
* We have a few playgroup sun hats to lend to children hat forget theirs.
* Staff will be invited to wear a sun hat to set a good example to the children.

*Timetable*

* Children will spend the most time outside before 11.00 am.
* Staff will use their discretion about outdoor play in the afternoon sessions if the weather is very hot.

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| This policy was adopted at a meeting of | Sandbach Heath (St. John’s) Playgroup |  |
| Held on |  | (date) |
| Date to be reviewed |  | (date) |
| Signed on behalf of the management committee |  |
| Name of signatory |  |
| Role of signatory (e.g. chair/owner) |  |

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