

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

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.

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)