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| **Policy Statement** |
| **Our Sun Protection Policy has been produced to ensure that all staff and children at Little Birch Pre-school are able to enjoy the sun safely. This policy was developed with the help of Cancer Research UK's Sunsmart Guidelines.** |

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| **Procedures** |
| We will work with staff and parents to achieve this through: **Education** * Staff will discuss the need for sun protection and share appropriate stories with the children at the start of the Summer term.
* Parents and guardians will be given information explaining what we are doing about sun protection and how they can help at the beginning of the Summer term, via the newsletter.

**Protection** * Shade:
	+ Outside activities will be placed in areas which provide the greatest shade and protection from the suns rays
* Timetabling:
	+ Children's outdoor play will be scheduled before 11am and after 2pm unless adequate shade is available
* Clothing:
	+ Children will be required to wear a suitable hat when playing outside between April and July.
	+ Children will be required to wear clothing that covers their shoulders (i.e. no strappy tops/vests)
	+ Children will be required to wear suitable footwear (i.e. no strappy sandals or flip flops)
* Sunscreen:
	+ Parents/carers will be asked to apply sunscreen to their children (min factor 15+), BEFORE arrival at pre-school.
	+ Children who attend all day will need to bring in their own clearly labelled bottle of factor 15+ sunscreen.
	+ Sunscreen should be taken out of bags by parents and placed in the box provided in the foyer or office. We ask parents to take their child's sunscreen home at the end of each session.
	+ Staff to supervise the children who attend all day when applying sunscreen, helping when necessary, before going outside to play in the summer months.
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