**SUN CARE POLICY**

Fowey Pre-school acknowledges the benefits children gain from playing in the sun, such as improved physical and mental well-being and the learning potential the outdoor environment offers.

However, we also recognise the importance of protecting children from the harmful rays of the sun; and to this end we will implement the following in our setting:

➢ Parents are asked to apply a high factor, long lasting (6-8 hr) suncream before their child enters preschool. We recommend the use of suncream with a 4 or 5 star UVA protection rating.

➢ Pre-school will, however have a high-factor, child-friendly sun-cream for use on our children in extreme circumstances.

➢ Parents will be asked to sign a consent form enabling us to apply sun-cream to their child, when we deem it necessary, before going outside.

➢ If parents wish to provide their own sun-cream, it must be clearly labelled with the child’s name and stored safely.

➢ Children will have sun-cream applied to them by DBS checked staff shortly after going outside (in order to provide some sun exposure), when it is believed to be necessary.

➢ Only visible body parts will have sun-cream applied, and areas where clothing may move to expose more skin (e.g. legs above the hem-line of a skirt).

➢ Sun-cream will only be applied when other adults are present to witness behaviour is appropriate.

➢ If parents refuse to sign a sun-cream form for cultural, religious or medical/health reasons, they will be encouraged to consider alternatives such as bodysuits.

➢ On particularly hot days, children will not be allowed to use the outdoor area in the middle of the day (i.e. 11am – 3pm).

➢ Shelter will be provided in the outdoor area and children will be encouraged to spend time in this area.

➢ If the outdoor shelter is not judged sufficient for the heat of the day, then the children will be brought indoors.

➢ All children will be encouraged to wear a hat outdoors. Pre-school has its own supply of legionnaire style hats with neck protection.

➢ Pre-school will ensure water is always available, and children will be encouraged to take frequent drinks.

* In extreme heat temperatures (over 28c) children’s outdoor time maybe limited to shorter periods between the hours of 9am and 11am.
* In temperatures that exceed 34c parents will be contacted to collect their child if they are driving due to the volatile nature of driving conditions

EYFS key themes and commitments

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Date of next review: September 2024

Signed…………………………….. Position………………………… Date…………….

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