

Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements: Health

Providers must provide access to an outdoor play area. If that is not possible, they must ensure that outdoor activities are planned and taken on a daily basis (unless circumstances make this inappropriate, for example unsafe weather conditions).

Sun Safety Policy

At Little Gregs Pre-School, we are committed to ensuring that children and staff can enjoy the sun safely. We will work in partnership with staff and parents/carers to promote effective sun protection through education, appropriate clothing, and safe practices.

Education

At the beginning of the summer term, parents and guardians will receive communication outlining our sun safety procedures and how they can support these at home. This may be shared via newsletter, email, or letter.

Protection

- Shaded areas will be provided within the outdoor environment.
- Drinking water will be available at all times to prevent dehydration.
- Outdoor play will be limited during peak sun hours, typically between 11:00am and 3:00pm, where possible.

Clothing

- Children will be actively encouraged to wear sun hats when outdoors during the summer term.
- Parents/carers will be encouraged to dress children in loose-fitting, lightweight clothing that covers the skin where appropriate.
- During periods of very hot weather, staff may wear non-uniform clothing to ensure comfort, while still maintaining appropriate attire suitable for working within an Early Years setting.

Sunscreen

- Parents/carers are asked to apply sunscreen to their child before arriving at pre-school.
- Parents/carers must provide their child's own sunscreen, clearly labelled with the child's name.

Staff will reapply sunscreen only for children attending full-day sessions, in line with provided consent and guidance.