



## Batford Day Care

### BATFORD DAY CARE LIMITED SUN SAFETY POLICY

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V2.0	September 2024	New Format

Batford Day Care is committed to:

- Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.
- Eliminating discrimination, advancing equality of opportunity and fostering good relations between different groups. These factors were considered in the formation and review of this policy and will be adhered to in its implementation and application across the whole Batford Day Care community.
- Promoting the fundamental British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs: any staff member, child or visitor expressing opinions contrary to fundamental British Values, including 'extremist' views, will be actively challenged.

**BUILDING STRONG FOUNDATIONS FOR OUR CHILDREN**

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## **Section 3 – The Statutory Framework for the EYFS – 3.2 - Safeguarding and Welfare Requirements**

*'Providers must take all necessary steps to keep children safe and well.'*

### **1. Policy Statement**

At Batford Day Care we want children to enjoy the sun safely. We are committed to providing information and education about the risk posed by over exposure to the sun. We will work together with parents to achieve this by keeping children protected and educated about the dangers and risks of the sun.

### **2. Implementation of Policy**

#### **Education and Information**

- All staff will talk to their children in group times and story times in the summer term to make them aware of the importance of protection from over exposure to the sun's rays.
- Parents will be informed of the Sun Safety Policy in Batford Day Care update emails and on Tapestry.
- Parents will be advised how they can help us protect their children from over exposure to the sun's rays whilst they are at the setting.
- During the summer months we are aware that children are at a higher risk of sun burn as the sun is at its strongest. We will ensure that sunscreen is available for all children Batford Day Care.

#### **'Sun Safe' Checklist**

- All parents of children who attend Batford Day Care will be required to complete the Parental Consent form in order for staff to apply sunscreen during the day.
- All children should have a high factor sunscreen applied before coming to the day care (minimum factor 30), in the case of allergies, they should wear long sleeved clothing and have legs covered. Batford Day Care staff will re-apply sunscreen throughout the day.
- For any child who has an allergy to a sunscreen product, parents need to provide a suitable sunscreen (at least factor 30), which must be labelled.
- All children are required to bring and must wear a sun hat whilst playing outside. (Spare hats will be kept in the setting).
- All children will wear suitable clothing i.e. shoulders and upper arms covered, for example by a t-shirt.
- Children must wear appropriate shoes, which are correctly fitting and allow safe running, jumping, climbing etc. Shoes with toe posts, flip flops and croc style shoes are not suitable as they pose a health and safety risk.
- Children will have access to fresh water throughout each day.

#### **Outdoor Safety**

- Staff will amend plans and activities as necessary to ensure that children can play in shaded areas of the garden and do not have over exposure to the sun. These areas include:

#### **Large Garden**

- The playground canopy
- The sandpit
- Three large trees
- Selection of tents and shelters for the children to use in their play

#### **Sensory Garden**

- Canopy

- Two large trees
- Selection of tents and shelters for the children to use in their play

### **Batford Day Care Gardens**

- Shade Sail
- Canopy
- Selection of tents and shelters for the children to use in their play

### **Outdoor Activities**

- Activities will be planned to ensure that children do not get overheated (dens for reading or playing quietly etc.).
- Water trays will be placed in shady areas and not left unattended by staff.
- Children who are getting over-heated or who have spent a lot of time outside will be encouraged to play quietly indoors.

### **Applying sunscreen to children who attend wrap around care (Rainbows)**

- All parents of children who attend Batford Day Care or whose children access 30 hour provision will be required to complete the Parental Consent form in order for staff to apply sunscreen during the day.
- Batford Day Care will supply staff teams with a list of wraparound children requiring sunscreen and the 'type' of cream that they can have applied.
- Batford Nursery School staff will supply staff teams with a list of children accessing 30 hour provision requiring sunscreen and the 'type' of cream that they can have applied.
- Supplies of quality, high factor sunscreen will be purchased by Batford Nursery School and kept in Batford Day Care and Batford Nursery School rooms.
- Batford Day Care will apply sunscreen to the wrap around children after lunch and again, where applicable, at teatime.
- Batford Nursery School will apply sunscreen to those children accessing 30 hour provision after lunch.

### **Batford Day Care Staff**

Staff should ensure that they set an appropriate example of dress and sun safety. This includes:

- Appropriate clothing: shoulders covered, appropriate necklines. Bare midriffs, strappy tops and low necklines are not appropriate as professional dress and may pose a health and safety risk.
- Appropriate footwear to carry out usual daily work. This means that sandals should be of a type that supports the foot appropriately. Toe posts, flip flops, croc style shoes, excessively high or stiletto heels, or thin strappy sandals are inappropriate.

### **Recommendations**

- It is wise to apply a high factor sunscreen whilst at work and to understand that this should be re-applied during the day.
- It is wise to wear a hat if exposed to the sun for any length of time.
- It is wise to drink plenty of water when the weather is hot.