# STRATTON PLAYGROUP

# 6 Sun Cream policy & procedures

**Statement of Intent**

At Stratton Playgroup, we endeavour to work in partnership with parents and carers to keep all the children healthy and safe at all times in our care. Outdoor play is an essential aspect of young children’s learning and development; and at our playgroup we provide an enabling environment in our tarmac, grass and bark areas; and children need protection from the sun.

## Aim

To help protect the children from the sun; and to promote the children’s awareness of ‘safety in the sun’.

## Methods

Parents and staff will follow the procedures below:

* We ask that parents/carers provide a named sun hat and apply sun lotion that is appropriate for their child’s skin; before the child attends a session at our playgroup, when we are experiencing warmer / sunnier weather.
* If a child is staying for more than 3 hours; parents must supply a “clearly” labelled bottle of sun cream for their child. We will then reapply if they are with us all day.
* In our registration form, we ask for written consent for us to apply a small amount of sun cream, in the parent’s absence or if forgotten to apply before a session.
* Staff will then apply the sun cream supplied, to the child; in the presence of a DBS checked witness (all staff are DBS checked).
* If a child has a possible risk of allergies, we would prefer for them to bring their own sun cream (however, as stated below, we can provide some).
* Also, with a child with a known allergy, we will wash hands in between applying to other children and them.
* As children progress through the Early Years Foundation Stage, they will be encouraged to develop responsibility for applying their own cream with support and supervision of a responsible adult.
* If sun cream is forgotten, we will have a small supply available at playgroup. We offer the use of our sun cream for a suggested donation of £1.

This policy and procedure was adopted at an open committee meeting of Stratton Playgroup

Held on

**12/05/2022**

Signed on behalf of the committee