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Dear Parents/Carers,

Little Hands – Outdoor Play in Warm Weather

Outdoor play in all weathers is an essential part of our provision here at Little Hands, offering plentiful opportunities for children to further their learning and development. With the warmer weather creeping in, we have sought advice from a range of providers on how best to manage risks when temperatures and sun exposure rises.

We would please ask that children are provided with a named sun hat. Water bottles should also be named; these will be taken outdoors with the children to ensure access to water at all times.

Sun cream should be applied before your child arrives at setting (there are brands available that only need applying once a day) and this is what we would recommend. As you will appreciate, applying suncream to all the children in setting will take away from valuable learning time. On severely hot days, we could re apply suncream and/or avoid going out in the sun.

We **do not** provide suncream however on severely hot days and when UV is high, you can send suncream into school in a clearly named bottle in your child's bag. Staff will then use their judgement as to when it may need reapplying. Whenever suncream has been applied this will be recorded on our intimate care records and passed onto you during handover.

Please note that reapplying suncream is an adjustment made only for children in Little Hands and does not extend to those in LF, UF, KS1 or KS2.

There are areas of our outdoor area that are shaded throughout the day, and we are also in the process of adding more permanent shelter. We will of course monitor the amount of time we are out in the sun and encourage our children to stay hydrated.

Kind Regards,

Mrs H Jones
Two-Year Old Provision Lead

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