

Willowview ELC



Sun Safety Policy.

This policy was adopted at a meeting of: Willowview ELC, Staff.

Our Vision

is to offer high quality Early Learning and Childcare, providing rich learning experiences within a caring and nurturing environment. It is represented through our commitment to our children, families, community partnerships and cultural assets.

Our Values

We value each child as an individual, who bring with them skills, knowledge, views and opinions. We respect all families as partner educators. We listen to, and are responsive to each child, respecting their needs, interests and views.

Our Aims

We aim to learn alongside the children, nourishing their hearts and minds in partnership with families. Connecting with community and culture, cultivating a place for rich thinkers to grow.

On: April 2026


Review Date: April 2028

Signed: Aileen Cameron


Designation: Head of Centre

This policy is informed by the principles of the UNCRC and the Health and Social Care Standards, and current national practice guidance.

the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

 <p>CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD</p>	<p>Article 3 Best interests of the child</p> <p>Article 5 Parental consent and a child's evolving capacities</p> <p>Article 19 Protection from violence, abuse and neglect</p>
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Health and Social Care Standards - My support, my life.

 <p>Health and Social Care Standards My support, my life.</p>	<p>1.4 If I require intimate personal care, this is carried out in a dignified way, with my privacy and personal preferences respected.</p> <p>1.19 My care and support meets my needs and is right for me.</p> <p>1.24 Any treatment or intervention that I experience is safe and effective.</p> <p>3.9 I experience warmth, kindness and compassion in how I am supported and cared for, including physical comfort when appropriate for me and the person caring for me.</p> <p>3.14 I have confidence in people because they are trained, competent and skilled, are able to reflect on their practice and follow their professional and organisational codes.</p> <p>4.11 I experience high quality care and support based on relevant evidence, guidance and best practice.</p> <p>4.27 I experience high quality care and support because people have the necessary information and resources</p> <p>5.4 If I require intimate personal care, there is a suitable area for this, including a sink if needed</p>
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Statement of Purpose

Young children need special care when they are in the sun. They love playing outdoors, but they will not likely be aware of how the sun can damage their skin. So, as adults, it is important that we take precautions for them. Getting sunburnt as a child leads to a greater risk of skin cancer in later life however, sun damage can be avoided. Experts believe that four out of every five cases of skin cancer are preventable. It is important that children, especially young children, are given the protection they deserve. (Health Education Authority)

Willowview ELC fully endorses the above statement and includes Sun Awareness Education in our Health & Wellbeing Programmes.

Aims:

- To protect children while they are in our care at Willowview ELC.
- To protect staff during their time at Willowview ELC.
- To help work in partnership with parents to protect children at other times.
- To help children understand the importance of keeping themselves safe in the sun.
- To encourage lifelong learning in respect of personal health and the sun.

How aims are to be achieved here at Willowview ELC:

- Staff to educate themselves about the risks of sunburn.
- Staff to provide protective care over the summer months between April and September.
- To take particular care when children and staff are outside during the hottest part of the day between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm.
- Staff will record each time sunscreen has been applied to each child during their day at Willowview ELC (appendix 2).

During this period children should:

- Wear hats (legionnaire style if possible – a peak cap with material covering the neck).
- Wear clothing covering the shoulders and arms.
- Only be outside for limited periods, when it is sunny (15-20 minutes in the sun before refreshing in cool shade).
- Wear/apply appropriate sunscreen.
- Provide shady areas in our play areas.
- Make use of the shade of any trees in the play areas

Parents will be informed about the guidance and are encouraged to keep their children safe in the sun through:

- Willowview Head of Centre will ensure information is shared as part of nursery inductions and in the nursery handbook.

- Regular newsletters throughout the year but especially late Spring/Summer terms, and at Induction.
- Meetings when permission forms can be discussed and issued.
- Informal information from staff.
- Application and appropriate use of sunscreen.
- Appropriate eye protection with a brimmed hat and ideally sunglasses with UV filters.
- Parents will be made aware that they should apply sunscreen to their child prior to coming to nursery.

Willowview ELC will offer the use of the settings sunscreen, previously sharing its details with parents/carers to ensure it is suitable for their child. If parents/carers wish for an alternative sunscreen to be used, this must be provided from home, when received by the Willowview ELC each child's bottle will be labelled with the child's name, the date it is opened and the expiry date – for exclusive use by the child.

Permission for staff to apply sunscreen will be completed during transition into Willowview ELC and updated as appropriate.

Staff will give the parent/carer the sunscreen when they arrive to be applied. Staff will encourage children to apply sunscreen to themselves and support where needed.

Willowview ELC follows British Skin Foundation Sun Safety guidance and suggest:

- Sunscreen with a minimum SPF30, recommended SPF50.
- Sunscreen with at least 4 stars for UVA protection
- Generously applied and reapplied every 2 hours or immediately after swimming or sweating.

If staff need to apply sunscreen to children, they will wash their hands before and after each application – disposable gloves should be worn if staff member or child has any exposed wounds.

At the end of spring term/beginning of the summer term staff will explain to children about the need to keep safe in the sun and how to do this

A short information leaflet will be shared with all

<https://www.britishskinfoundation.org.uk/stay-sun-safe-with-our-campaign-leaflets>

Posters displayed <https://www.britishskinfoundation.org.uk/find-our-campaign-posters-here>

and regular review with consultation of all relevant parties.

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