**Statement of Intent**

At TreeHouse Pre-School we are aware of the dangers of exposing a young child to direct sunlight. We want staff and children to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff, children and parents to achieve this.

**Method**

**Education:**

• We will talk to the children about how to be safe in the sun in at the start of the summer term.

• Parents and guardians will be sent a letter explaining what the school is doing about sun protection and how they can help at the beginning of the summer term.

**Shade:**

• We follow guidance from the BBC weather forecasts about how long children should spend outside.

**Clothing:**

• We have TreeHouse sun hats which are available for parents to purchase.

• We encourage all of our staff and volunteers to wear hats when in the outside play area to model sensible sun protection.

**Sunscreen:**

* Children should only play outside with sun block applied to exposed skin.
* We would encourage parents/carers to apply sunscreen befote they come to treehouse pre-school
* We expect parents/guardians to provide sunscreen - marked with their child’s name. Staff will apply this prior to the children going outside.
* We will send letters home asking for permission for children to apply sunscreen during the summer months, or whenever it is hot and sunny.

**Applying sunscreen procedure:**

We will encourage children to apply sunscreen themselves as part of keeping themselves safe and healthy- it will always be done under adult supervision. It will be explained to the child clearly why sunscreen is applied and a hat and sunglasses are to be worn when out in the sun. Practitioners will also use language such as "can I help you" so the child understands that it is their body and they have control over who touches it when they apply sunscreen.

This policy was adopted by the committee at a meeting of TreeHouse Pre-school

Held on (date) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signed on behalf of the committee: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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This policy was adopted by all staff

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