



6. Sun Safety Policy

This policy was adopted by *Wigod Way Wallingford Family Centre* on *January 2023*.

Rationale

Children's skin is very delicate and sunburn and exposure to high levels of UVA rays for prolonged periods can have a long term detrimental effect on children's health

Aim

Wigod Way Wallingford Family Centre (WWWFC) aims to encourage families to keep their children safe from the harmful effects of the sun by:

- Encouraging parents to use sunscreen and having a spare supply of sunscreen for parents to apply if they have forgotten
- Making sure that there is some outside shade available in all the sessions, where possible.
- Encouraging children to use available areas of shade to play in when outside, where possible.
- Where possible, outdoor activities to be scheduled before 11am or after 1.15pm, with the availability of shade to be taken into consideration.
- Staff, parents and carers to be provided with educational material on sun protection where appropriate.
- Staff, parents and carers to act as role models by:
 - Wearing appropriate hats and clothing outdoors, covering shoulders.
 - Using sunscreen for skin protection.
 - Seeking shade whenever possible.