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BASK Sun Care Policy

At **BASK** we are committed to ensuring that all children are fully protected from the dangers of too much sun/UV rays. Severe sunburn in childhood can lead to the development of malignant melanoma (the most dangerous type of skin cancer) in later life.

We follow guidance from the weather and UV level reports and use the following procedures to keep children safe and healthy in the sun:

- Parents will sign a permission form regarding the application of sun cream when registering with BASK and BASK staff will assist in application where appropriate.
- Children may bring their own labelled high factor sun cream with prior written consent for staff to apply. This enables children to have sun cream suitable for their own individual needs.
- Staff must be aware of the expiry date on creams and discard sunscreen after this date
- Staff will make day-to-day decisions about the length of time spent outside depending on the strength of the sun
- Children are encouraged to drink cooled water more frequently throughout sunny or warm days and this is accessible both indoors and out
- Children are made aware of the need for sun hats, sun cream and the need to drink more fluids during their time in the sun
- Shade will be provided to ensure children are able to still go out in hot weather, cool down or escape the sun should they wish or need to.