



5.7 Sun Cream and Activity Permissions

Ecclesall Kids Club understands the importance of protecting children and providing a safe environment that minimises the risks associated with hot weather, while allowing children to enjoy the outdoor play environment. Our staff are aware of the dangers of over exposure to the sun for both the children and them. Staff are also aware that ultraviolet rays can still be harmful on cloudy days, and appropriate sun protection will still be required.

In warmer weather parents will be encouraged to supply a suitable sun cream for their own child in their school bag as they do for school. Club has its own sensitive sun cream which will be available if the parent/carer has given permission for sun cream to be applied. Where a parent has not given permission, the child will be asked to cover up, remain in shaded areas and if deemed necessary stay indoors.

Children will be supported to apply sun cream independently, under the guidance of club staff, where a child cannot do this independently, a member of staff may apply sun cream when supervised by another member of staff (for safeguarding reasons) if a parent has given permission for sun cream to be applied.

Where possible outdoor play will take place where there is shade, as we continue to ensure the children benefit from outdoor play. Staff encourage children to take opportunities to rest and cool down. Although the duration of outdoor activities and vigorous physical activities may be limited during the hottest periods, staff will risk assess throughout the session. We aim to protect children and staff from sun burn, heat exhaustion, dehydration and other heat related illnesses, both staff and children are encouraged to increase their water intake and are furthermore encouraged to do so in outdoor areas. Water is available throughout the session, which the children can access independently, along with reminders though out the session from staff. Staff role model good hydration practices by drinking water regularly in front of the children. Children and staff are also encouraged to wear hats when outside.

Where the Met office issues weather warnings or temperatures are considered excessive, management may restrict or suspend outdoor play, modify operating practices and take additional measures to safeguard both children and staff.

Permission for Activities

From time to time, we may undertake activities in club for which permission may be required, eg wearing nail varnish and face painting as well as the use of certain craft materials or performance of an activity e.g. Circus skills at Holiday club. In general permissions will be requested via Magic booking as part of set up and registration. Where a one-off activity requires permission, the club will provide a permissions form.

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