

## **General Safeguarding and Welfare Requirement: Premises**

Providers must provide access to an outdoor play area or, if that is not possible, ensure that outdoor activities are planned and taken on a daily basis (unless circumstances make this inappropriate, for example unsafe weather conditions).

### **11.1 All Weather Outside Play**

#### **Policy statement**

At Trinket Box, we aim to take the children outside in all weathers, unless weather conditions deem this is unsafe to do so, as physical play and gross motor skills play a big part in child development. In order for us to be able to do this children must be clothed suitably.

#### **Procedures**

##### *Clothing*

- If the Manager/Deputy deem a child to be unsuitably dressed for play then they will be unable to participate (this includes footwear i.e. flip flops are NOT suitable for pre school). Inappropriate clothing poses a health and safety risk.
- The pre school are able to loan wet weather clothing but only have a limited supply of wellington boots. Please ensure that your child has everything they will need to wear in their school bag and all items are labelled with your child's name.

##### *Sun protection*

- We will encourage children to sit/play in the shade where it is available, such as under the canopy by the doors, under the sandpit canopy or in tents/dens.
- Children are required to wear sun hats during outdoor play when the sun is shining and temperatures are high.
- Trinket Box have a supply of hats to give to children who have forgotten their own.
- Parents are requested to think about the clothing that their child is wearing as very exposed areas of the skin, such as shoulders can pose a higher risk of sunburn.
- We ask parents to apply sun cream to their child before they come to pre-school during the summer months.

- We have forms requesting permission for staff to apply sunscreen to those children who are attending all day, during the lunch break.
- Children will need to bring in their own clearly labelled bottle of sunscreen, ideally at least factor 30+.
- Children without sunscreen will be kept indoors if ratios allow.
- Children's play outside will be restricted, in excessive heat, between 12 noon and 2pm, unless they can remain under shade, especially during their lunch break.

#### *Insects*

- During outside play children can be exposed to insects such as gnats, especially in the woods and around the pond in the environmental area. Staff can apply insect repellent to children providing that the parent/carer has given authority using the sunscreen and insect repellent permission form. A clearly labelled bottle of insect repellent should be left in your child's bag.

#### **Legal framework**

- Children Act 2004 (Every Child Matters Outcomes)

**\*This policy is approved by the Committee and reviewed annually\***