



# Sun Safety Policy

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## Aims

The aim of this Policy is to ensure that pupils, staff, parents & the community know of Sun Safety awareness and to provide a safe environment in our school. Schools are well-placed to help protect children from the sun for a variety of reasons, such as:

- Children are at school at times when ultraviolet rays are high
- Most damage from sun exposure occurs during a person's school years
- Skin cancer is largely preventable through behaviour modification and sun protection during early years

This includes:

- Protection: providing an environment that enables pupils and staff to stay safe in the sun
- Education: learning about sun safety to increase knowledge and influence behaviour
- Collaboration: working with parents, governors and the wider community to reinforce awareness about sun safety and promote a healthy school

## Our School Day

The children in our school spend some of their time outside in the playground during lessons, e.g. P.E, playtimes, lunchtimes and also when they are travelling to any outdoor education journeys.

In Reception, children have much more access to the outdoors, some of the area they play in has a canopy to allow outdoor play during inclement weather and shade when sunny.

## Education

All pupils will be taught about how to be 'Sun Smart'. During very hot weather, extra arrangements may be employed, e.g. pulling blinds down to keep the heat out of rooms, shortening the amount of time in the playground, encouraging children to spend extra time in the shade.

Reminding and encouraging children to access water. Teachers should also make a judgement as to the temperature of classrooms and arrange to teach in cooler areas where possible.

### Provision available during hot weather

As part of the Health & Safety Policy, children are allowed to bring a bottle of water to drink throughout the day whilst in class.

At lunch time, water is always provided in the dining hall which children access themselves. A water fountain is also available in each playground. During lunchtime, or extended periods outdoors, staff may also lightly spray children with water to keep them cool on particularly hot days.

### Shade

In the EYFS and KS1 playgrounds, there are areas of shade under canopies as well as some tree/building shade. There is an outdoor classroom with canopies. In the KS2 playground, there are a few trees offering shade and a covered seating area. On the field a small amount of shade is provided by the bushes edging the field, there is also a stage and seating area covered by a sail shade. Children will be reminded of these areas during assemblies and by class teachers prior to break and lunch. During particularly hot days a space inside will be allocated for children to cool off on a drop in/drop out basis. This will be supervised by a member of staff.

### Water

There are outdoor drinking fountains in all areas: EYFS, KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. Staff on duty should monitor children, particularly those who are very active, and prompt all children to access water regularly

### Clothing

The school uniform requires that pupils' shoulders are covered at all times. During hot weather, pupils are encouraged to wear hats and this is done verbally and through the newsletter. Staff may also wear hats in the playground and while teaching outside. Sunglasses may be worn in the playground but these are the parents and pupil's responsibility. Pupils wearing excess layers will also be encouraged to remove jumpers or vests.

### Sunscreen

Pupils are encouraged to have sunscreen applied on very hot days before coming to school. If a child has already been sunburnt or is particularly liable to burning they may speak to the office/first aid manager and provide permission to allow staff to support a child in applying their own sunscreen through the school day.

### Outdoor Education & Visits

Our pupils may attend outdoor educational visits to various places and a risk assessment is done before the journey to ensure that there are places of shade.

A letter would be sent home to parents asking them to provide suitable clothing, sunscreen and/or sun hats if necessary. Parents can also provide their children with drinks to prevent dehydration.

### Physical Activities

Staff take a common sense approach on very hot days; lessons may be in a shady spot, or shortened if out in full sun. Sports days are always scheduled for the mornings when it is cooler. Canopies and cooling sprays may be provided if considered necessary through the risk assessment.

### First Aid

The school ensures a number of staff are trained in First Aid and are available to deal with any issues related to sun safety as well as general first aid incidents.

### All Stakeholders (Governors/Parents/Community)

All stakeholders will be made aware of this policy annually in the summer term. There will be opportunities to amend and review the policy on a three yearly cycle.