



Sun Safety Policy

Approval Requirements	Headteacher
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Signed – Headteacher	<i>Dhanecha.</i>

We recognise:

- The long-term risks of sunburn and over-exposure to the sun
- The particular vulnerability of young children
- That children are at school during the hottest periods of the day
- That sunscreen should be regarded as a "last line of defence" not a substitute for appropriate clothing and the use of shade to protect the skin
- That climate change is increasing the frequency and intensity of hot weather in the UK

Aims

The school aims to:

- Provide sun awareness education to pupils, staff, parents and carers to help them understand the risks of sun-damaged skin and the importance of sun protection measures
- Provide pupils with access to shade outdoors and access to drinking water throughout the day
- Involve parents in taking precautionary measures such as the provision of hats to protect the neck and head, appropriate clothing, and the use of sunscreen where appropriate
- Create a culture where sun protection is the norm during hot weather

School staff will not:

- Apply sunscreen to children (children should be able to apply their own sunscreen independently)
- Provide creams and lotions
- Allow children to share sun cream due to potential allergies and hygiene concerns

School staff will:

- Monitor children, ensuring that they are not exposed to full sun for long periods, particularly between 11am and 3pm when UV rays are strongest
- Manage outdoor time so that children play in shaded areas wherever possible
- Remind children to wear their sunhats before going outside
- Provide good role models by wearing hats and appropriate clothing outside in sunny weather
- Encourage parents to apply high factor sunscreen (SPF 30 or higher) before school
- Allow children to reapply sunscreen themselves during the day if parents request this
- Ensure children have regular access to drinking water throughout the day
- Consider bringing outdoor activities indoors or rescheduling them during periods of extreme heat
- Make sunhats available for purchase at reasonable cost
- Keep a small supply of spare sunhats for children who have forgotten theirs
- Incorporate sun safety into the curriculum through PSHE and science lessons

- Apply the same sun safety measures during educational visits, sports days and outdoor events

Parents are asked to:

- Provide a suitable named hat for their child to wear at school (wide-brimmed hats or caps with neck protection are recommended)
- Apply sunscreen (SPF 30 or higher) before school each day during sunny weather
- Dress their child in loose-fitting clothing that covers the shoulders and neck where possible
- Ensure their child brings a named water bottle to school

Sunscreen at school: There is no requirement for children to bring sunscreen to school, but if parents wish to provide it they should ensure that:

- Their child can apply it quickly and independently
- The sunscreen is clearly labelled with their child's name
- The sunscreen is SPF 30 or higher
- They have completed a consent form (available from the school office)

Sunscreen will be kept by the class teacher and children will be given opportunities to reapply it before outdoor activities.

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed and updated as necessary to reflect current guidance and best practice.