



SUNSCREEN POLICY

1. Purpose

To ensure staff and children can enjoy the sun safely. We believe that sun safety is important to ensure that children and staff are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays in sunlight. The school will aim to work with parents, Governors and staff to promote sun safety.

2. Education

- All children will learn about sun safety and protecting their skin through PSHE lessons and during our whole school assemblies throughout the summer term.
- School will provide each child with a sun cap which will be worn during any outside activities throughout the summer term.
- Children will be encouraged to drink more water when the weather is hot and encouraged to have a water bottle in school to make use of the water dispensers.
- Parents will be reminded at the beginning of the summer term to apply sunscreen to their children before they come to school every day. Taking into consideration that weather can change and what may start out a cloudy day can become very sunny.
- We will encourage children to make use of the shade whenever possible during sunny days.
- Staff and parents will be encouraged to act as good role models by practicing sun safety.

3. Sunscreen

- Parents will be encouraged to apply sunscreen before school – High Factor once a day 30+
- There will not be spare sunscreen kept in school due to the risk of allergies.
- Sunscreen should be applied to all exposed parts of the body 15-30 minutes before coming to school not forgetting ears, neck and nose.
- Some children fall into the at risk category:
 - have skin that burns easily
 - have light or fair coloured skin
 - have light or fair coloured/red hair
- If your child falls into the above category we ask that they bring in a bottle of their own clearly marked sunscreen to reapply at lunchtime. In each class we will have a box where the children's individual sunscreen can be kept safely. Staff can supervise children but cannot apply sunscreen directly to skin so it is important that parents teach their children how to apply sunscreen sensibly and thoroughly.

4. Review

This policy has been developed using the SunSmart guidelines for primary schools. It will be reviewed every two years

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