



SUN SAFETY POLICY

OVERVIEW

At Norwood Primary School we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and want staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this.

OBJECTIVES

- Increase awareness of sun damage to skin, including skin cancer.
- Work towards a safe school environment that provides shade for students and staff
- Encourage students, parents, teachers, and staff to wear protective clothing and sunscreen during high risk times such as break and lunch times, sports days and visits
- Ensure that parents are informed of the school's Sun Safety policy.

STRATEGIES

EDUCATION

- Children are told during assemblies and through the curriculum 'How to be Sun Safe'
- Encourage staff and parents to act as good role models by practising sun safety;
- Parents and guardians are informed how to keep their child safe in newsletters.

PROTECTION

Shade:

- Children will be reminded to play in the shade during lunch and break playtimes.
- The school play areas have shade provided by the school building and by trees.
- We will erect additional temporary shelters when appropriate.
- The playing field has shade provided by trees and willow shelters.
- Some of the play equipment will be sited near shady areas and the games tables are sited near trees or under shelter.
- Hold other outdoor activities in areas of shade whenever possible.
- Work towards increasing the provision of adequate shade for everybody.

Timetabling:

- Sports day may be re-scheduled to start in the mornings when it is cooler or if there are concerns about the likelihood of hot weather.
- Physical education lessons should be carefully planned to avoid sun exposure, unnecessary exertion and dehydration. In extreme weather, outdoor PE lessons should not last for more than 20 minutes when children should be brought indoors, given time to rest and drink water.

Clothing:

- Children will be encouraged to wear sun hats that cover the ears, face and neck. and long sleeves when appropriate.

Sunscreen:

- Parents and guardians will be encouraged to ensure that their children are protected by applying long lasting sunscreen each day before they arrive at school and are protected by appropriate clothing as mentioned above.
- Parents are asked to apply sun screen in the morning that should last for most of the day and only send in small containers/sticks of sunscreen, which must be labelled with the child's name and class.
- Children will be responsible for applying their own sunscreen in school and in the case of children on the bottom corridor, under supervision of an adult.
- Sunscreen should not be shared with another child.
- Sunscreen will only be applied to individual children by staff if there are medical/developmental reasons which mean they are not able to do this themselves.

OUTCOMES

- Improved awareness of the potential dangers of sun exposure.
- Improved understanding of how to keep safe in the sun.
- Increased adoption of Sun Safe practices.

REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed at least every 3 years by the Premises Committee of the Governing Body.