



Sun Protection Policy

Created: Summer 2015

Next Review: Summer 2019

At St Peter's 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 through:

EDUCATION -these measures are in place from now on:

- We will talk about how to be Sun Smart in assemblies at the start of the summer term and before summer break as part of Water Safety activities.
- Parents and guardians will be sent a letter explaining what the school is doing about sun protection and how they can help at the beginning of the summer term.
- We will also use the school SMS and E-newsletter service to promote school sun protection procedures.
- We will promote the benefits of exercise in the outdoor environment, and will encourage children to have fun, whilst staying safe in the sun.
- We will encourage children to take ownership of their sun protection clothing and applying sun cream

PROTECTION-this is an ongoing process.

Shade:

- When the sun is strong we will encourage pupils to sit/play in the shade where it is available.
- We will plan that future developments that incorporate outside play and learning areas will include areas of shade .
- For school events that are outdoors for prolonged periods, such as sports day, we will provide gazebos or an alternative form of temporary shade for pupils who are spectating.
- We have a maintenance and inspection plan, which ensures that all covers are inspected visually on an annually basis.

Timetabling:

- In the summer months we will aim to schedule outside activities, school trips and PE lessons before 11am and after 2pm if appropriate. If this is unavoidable we will ensure hats, clothing and sunscreen are all worn to prevent sunburn.

Clothing:

- When outside in sunny weather, children are required to wear hats with a wide brim.
- All staff are encouraged to wear hats when on playground duty and teaching outdoors on sunny days.

Sunscreen:

- Sunscreen use will be encouraged on days when the sun is strong during summer at lunch breaks, during PE lessons and on school trips. Extra sunscreen will be made available in case children forget their own. Bottles should be at least Factor 15 and labelled with the child's name.

- We will send letters home asking for permission for pupils to apply sunscreen on days when the sun is strong during the summer months.
- We cannot currently supply sunscreen to all pupils on a daily basis because of cost.

This policy was developed based on advice from Devon County Council, the Department for Education, and Cancer Research UK. We will monitor our progress and review the policy annually.