

Shotley Bridge Primary School

Sun Protection Policy



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At Shotley Bridge 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, parents and carers to achieve this through:

EDUCATION

- Staff will be educated about how to stay safe in the sun.
- All pupils will be educated about how to stay safe in the sun throughout the year.
- We will talk about how to stay safe in the sun in assemblies at the start of the summer term and before summer break.

PROTECTION FROM THE SUN OUTDOORS

Shade:

- When the sun is strong, we will encourage pupils to sit/play in the shade where it is available.
- Where possible, outdoor activities will take place in the shade.

Clothing:

- When outside in sunny weather, pupils are encouraged to wear hats or caps (clearly labelled with the child's name) that cover the ears, face and neck.
- Pupils will be encouraged to wear tops that cover their shoulders.
- Pupils are allowed to wear UV protective sunglasses.
- Staff will be encouraged to wear suitable hats and clothing when on playground duty and teaching outdoors on sunny days to reinforce the 'sun safety' message.

Sun cream:

- Sun cream use will be encouraged on days when the sun is strong during summer. This will protect children and staff during breaktimes, PE lessons, sporting events and school visits.
- Parents will be asked to send into school their child's own labelled bottle of sun cream to be applied in school.
- We will request that parents apply sun cream to pupils before they come to school when the sun is strong during the summer months.
- We will ask parents' permission for staff to apply sun cream to younger children. Staff will only apply sun cream to the children's face, arms and necks.
- We will ask parents for permission to remind older children to re-apply sun cream to themselves when necessary.

PROTECTION FROM THE SUN INDOORS

- Windows and other ventilation openings will be opened during the cool of early morning to allow stored heat to escape from the building.
- The use of electric lighting will be kept to a minimum during heatwaves.
- All electrical equipment, including computers and monitors will be switched off when not in use and will not be left in standby mode.

MAINTAINING CHILDREN'S HEALTH DURING HOT WEATHER CONDITIONS

- Pupils will be encouraged to eat normally.
- Pupils will be encouraged to bring their own labelled water bottle to school.
- Pupils will be encouraged to drink plenty of water on hot days.
- Pupils will be encouraged to wear a cap/hat.
- Classroom layouts will be adjusted if necessary to avoid direct sunlight on pupils.