

Sun Protection Policy For Early Years Foundation Stage Pupils

Statement of intent

Children are encouraged to access the well-resourced outdoor play spaces as much as possible, but during the summer months we are aware of the need to protect them from the harmful rays of the sun. We have therefore developed this policy.

Aim

We aim to have several outdoor play sessions everyday throughout the year as well as having outside activities freely available to the children. By taking what measures we can to protect the children in our care from the harmful effects of the sun we can help reduce the risk of skin cancer in later life caused by UV radiation.

Practice

- We shall help pupils be aware of the need to take care of their skin when they are outdoors in strong sunshine, for example, by painting pictures of themselves behaving sensibly in the sun.
- We shall encourage pupils to play in the shade when the sun is strong.
- We shall encourage pupils to wear hats to protect their faces, ears and necks when outdoors in strong sunshine. Legionnaires caps are available from the school shop.
- Water and other drinks are always readily available to the children throughout the year, but in the warmer months we place greater emphasis on the children having a regular fluid intake, as small children can dehydrate very quickly.
- Parents will be sent a letter explaining what we are doing about sun protection and how they can help during the summer months. The letter will invite parents to give their consent to the application of sunscreen during the school day as necessary, and parents will be asked to provide their chosen sunscreen to be kept at school, clearly named.

We shall monitor our implementation of this policy and review it annually.

See Letter to Parents and Consent Reply Form.

February 2019

Dear Parents,

Sun Protection Policy for Early Years Foundation Stage Pupils

Now that summer is here at last, I am writing to tell you about our sun protection policy. The purpose of the policy is to ensure that any sunshine which summer brings can be safely enjoyed. Children's skin is sensitive and it is important for us to help children care for their skin and avoid damage which might lead to problems in later life. We shall therefore:

- discuss sun protection with Reception pupils
- encourage all children to wear a hat when they play outside
- ensure that pupils are protected by sunscreen by checking that pupils apply sunscreen for themselves or by applying sunscreen for those pupils who need help.

Please could you help by:

- applying a long-lasting and water resistant sunscreen (factor 50) in the morning when there may be risk of high UV rays.
- provide your child with the legionnaire style cap (marked with the child's name) available from the school shop.
- complete and return the accompanying sunscreen consent form, and with the form please send a supply of sunscreen (factor 50) clearly labelled with your child's name so that the sunscreen can be used in school as needed.

We do have a supply of sunscreen in school, so please inform your child's teacher if you require staff to apply our cream.

Also accompanying this form is a copy of the Sun Protection Policy.

Yours sincerely

Miss C Watkin

**Sun Protection Policy for Early Years (EYFS) Pupils
Consent Reply Form**

Pupil's Name _____ Form _____

I give consent for the above pupil to be helped as needed in the application of sunscreen as needed, in accordance with the school's Sun Protection Policy.

With this form I am sending a supply of sunscreen (factor 50) clearly labelled with my child's name.

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____