



Sun Protection Policy

Schools have a responsibility to ensure that pupils are protected from overexposure to UV rays from the sun, and the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) guidelines for skin cancer prevention (2011) recommend that schools “develop, implement and monitor a specially tailored policy to ensure people are protected as much as possible”. This policy will be reviewed bi-annually.

At Eatock Primary School, we want children and staff to enjoy the sun safely. We aim to work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this through:

EDUCATION

- We will talk about how to be safe in the sun in an assembly during the summer term and in class time when appropriate.
- Parents and guardians will be sent a letter explaining what the school is doing about sun protection and their responsibilities during the summer term.

PROTECTION

- On sunny days supervising staff will remind children that they need to seek shade during breaks, lunchtime, sports and school trips.
- Children must have a named, peaked or wide-brimmed school hat that is kept at school during the summer term & taken on school trips.
- Staff and parents are encouraged to act as good role models by practising sun safety.
- Parents are to ensure that sunscreen (SPF 25+) has been applied to their child before coming to school. Children **are** allowed to bring in sunscreen that does not have any traces of coconut in it. The sun screen bottle must be clearly labelled with the child's name and kept in their school bag.
- Parents are to ensure that their child is able to apply his/her own sun screen to all exposed areas.
- Parents are to provide their child with a sunscreen product (SPF 25+) for use on trips. This must be clearly marked with the child's name, kept in their school bag and replenished by their parents as needed.
- On very hot days, lunchtimes will be reduced and children will have the option to sit in the classroom.

HYDRATION

- Pupils are encouraged to bring in their own named water bottle in order to drink throughout the day.
- Pupils will be encouraged to drink plenty of water during hot, sunny weather.

SCHOOL TRIPS

All trips will require pupils to bring a wide-brimmed sun hat and sunscreen clearly labelled with the child's name.

Sunscreen use will be encouraged on school trips and staff organising and escorting the trip will be provided with extra sunscreen (SPF 25+) in case children forget their own. On sunny days, staff on residential trips will remind all pupils of the need to apply sunscreen each morning.

Please note that it is not expected that staff will apply sunscreen to children. Staff will encourage and supervise children to apply sunscreen themselves.

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