

Sun Awareness Policy

Young skin is delicate and is very easily damaged. All children, no matter whether they tan easily or not, should be protected from the sun. Children with fair or red hair, pale eye or freckles are most at risk.

Overexposure to harmful ultra violet radiation found in sunlight can cause serious long-term health effects; including skin cancer and other skin disorders, eye damage, cataracts and immune system suppression.

The **aims** of our School Policy are: -

- To increase the knowledge of children, staff and parents in 'sun safety issues'
- To influence behaviour in relation to skin protection
- To consider ways in which the school environment can help the children to stay safe in the sun.

Education

Sun Safety issues will be addressed with the class annually, taking account of age and maturity. Parents/carers will be informed when it becomes necessary for them to begin administration of sun-lotions and sun-hats.

Uniform

The children may only wear T-shirts with sleeves that cover their shoulders and protect them from the sun. Children are encouraged to wear caps or legionnaire hats which can be purchased from school.

School Caps	£3.00
Legionnaires Hat	£3.50

Sunglasses are also permitted in the summer months.

If necessary, Parents are advised to apply sun cream before the child comes to school in the morning

For hygiene and safeguarding reasons, School staff are unable to apply sun cream on children. They may bring their cream into school and apply it themselves at break times if you think this is necessary.

Outdoor Activities

Staff will take appropriate precautions on days when there is the potential for children to be overexposed to sunlight whilst at school e.g. during outside playtime, over the lunchtime period, and Sports Days etc. (postpone if necessary.)

Alliances

Parental awareness will be raised by displaying information on the Parents Noticeboard.