



# Policy Document: Sun Safety

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## Policy Statement on Sun Safety

### *Learning Together, Learning For Life.*

#### Links to Visionary Statement

#### We aim to .....

- keep children's learning at the heart of our thoughts and actions
- provide the opportunity for all our children to achieve academic excellence within a broad and balanced curriculum
- create an ethos which nurtures creativity, self-belief, independence and a sense of respect for other
- ensure that our schools are happy, safe, supportive and secure places in which to learn
- create a stimulating learning environment
- develop strong and productive partnerships with parents and the wider school community
- have high expectations in all areas of school life
- prepare children for the future

***Agreed and Signed on behalf of the Full Governing Body.....***

***Date:.....***

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## Rationale

At Paulton Infant School we want staff and children to enjoy the sun safely. Our policy is based on the SunSmart guidelines from UK Cancer Research.

## Aims

- To keep children safe.
- To help children understand the impact of the sun on their body.
- We will work with staff, children and parents/carers to achieve this through:

## Lessons

- All children will discuss how to stay safe in the sun in lessons, as part of the curriculum.
- We will talk about how to be safe in the sun in assemblies at the start of the summer term.
- Parents and guardians will be sent reminders about sun protection as necessary.
- Staff will be reminded about sun protection at the start of the summer term and prompted to plan sun safety lessons.

## Adopting Sun Protection Strategies

### Clothing

- We will encourage children and staff to wear 'protective' clothing during the summer term including shirts with collars and longer sleeves, longer style dresses and shorts.
- Sports t-shirts should not be sleeveless.
- Parents/carers are expected to send their children to school with brimmed sun hats that protect their face, neck and ears (such as legionnaire or bucked hats) when they are outside.
- We encourage parents/carers to provide sunglasses. (Children's eyes are very sensitive to light. It is important therefore to protect their eyes by ensuring they wear wide-brimmed hats and sunglasses if possible. We expect sunglasses to have UV protection. Look for BS EN 1836:1997 on the label.)

### Shade/Timetabling

- All staff will encourage children to find shade during playtimes and lunchtimes. (This may include building dens and shelters to provide shade.)
- During periods of strong sun (strong UV) we will try to ensure children are not exposed to sun for periods longer than 20 minutes during PE lessons and lunchtimes without shade breaks.
- The availability of shade is considered when planning excursions and all outdoor activities.
- Sports days will take place during the morning session.

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## Sunscreen

Covering up and seeking shade are the most important sun protection measures. In addition, sunscreen can provide protection to exposed skin. However sunscreen should not be used to increase the amount of time spent in the sun.

- We encourage parents to apply 8 hour sunscreen to their children before school starts
- Children are encouraged to bring in sun cream for application at lunchtime. However, parents/carers are expected to show their children how to apply this and staff will not take responsibility for the application, as there is insufficient time/manpower to apply sunscreen to a class of children.

## Role modelling

We encourage staff to act as role models by;

- ❖ Wearing protective hats, clothing and sunglasses when outside.
- ❖ Apply SPF 15+ broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen.
- ❖ Seeking shade whenever possible.

Families and visitors are encouraged to use a combination of these sun protection measures when attending and participating in outdoor activities.

**We will review and evaluate this policy bi-annually**

Signed .....

Chairperson of Premises and safety Sub-committee

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