



Springfield Infant School and Nursery

Sun Safety Policy

Springfield Infant School and Nursery is committed to the health and safety of the children in its care.

AIM:

- To protect children in the school whilst playing in the sun.
- To safeguard children in severe heat conditions.
- To build an awareness of safe behaviour in the sun establishing good habits for the future.

Ways to keep children safe:

- Pupils should wear hats and sun cream when outside
- Parents advised to apply sunscreen of at least factor 30 before school and then to send in a small amount to re-apply during breaks & lunchtime. Children should apply their own sunscreen where possible but staff should assist those that are struggling and need support.
- We actively remind parents to ensure children are equipped with an appropriate sun hat for use as required throughout the school day. Baseball hats are not recommended as they do not provide shade to the neck, ears or cheeks. Either broad-brimmed, bucket style or legionnaire to adequately shade the face, neck, ears and cheeks. However, whilst we do not recommend baseball caps, they are still better than no hat at all! However extra care should be taken to protect the neck, ears and cheeks with sunscreen as these areas can easily burn
- We make available spare sun hats for all outdoor activities in the event a parent is unable to provide one, or if a child has lost or forgotten their own.
- We actively remind parents to ensure children are equipped with an appropriately protective sunscreen for use as required throughout the school day.
- A practical approach towards the application of sunscreen is necessary, with assistance provided only where necessary to younger or less able children unless instructed otherwise by the parent/carer.
- We make available additional sunscreen for all outdoor activities in the event a parent is unable to provide any, or a child has lost, forgotten or run out of their own. This is made available for parents to patch test upon request.
- Teachers should make a judgement as to the temperature of classrooms and arrange to teach in cooler areas where possible
- Where possible, all doors and windows should be opened and classroom blinds should be drawn
- PE lessons should be carefully planned to avoid sun exposure, unnecessary exertion and dehydration
- Ensure children are appropriately clothed e.g. Polo-shirts with sleeves
- Discourage children to wear jumpers

- We provide generous shaded areas where children can congregate for outdoor play and activities during warmer weather. Shade is provided naturally by trees and gazebo.
- Outdoor activities adapted to focus around the areas of shade.
- Ensure that outdoor play is minimal during the hottest part of the day and shade is always provided.
- Staff awareness of children being at play in the sun and moving them into areas of shade.
- Children are able to access the indoor environment and fresh drinking water is available at all times.
- Encourage staff to act as role models
- We are monitor the daily UV Index
- Parents are supported with sun safety reminders and flyers.

Education

Educating children on the importance of sun safety is vital to embed key messaging and influence behaviours. It is a statutory requirement under the PHSE curriculum that all schools should educate children about safe and unsafe exposure to the sun, including how to reduce the risk of skin cancer. This is part of our RHE curriculum.

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