

Hadrian Primary School

Sun Protection Policy



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Sunsmart is the national skin cancer prevention campaign run by Cancer Research UK.

The Sunsmart school's initiative encourages schools to develop and adopt sun protection policies. They are part of a broader campaign communicating effective skin cancer prevention messages to the general public.

The **five key** Sunsmart skin cancer prevention messages are:

1. Stay in the shade 11-3
2. Make sure you never burn
3. Always cover up - wear a t-shirt, hat and wraparound sunglasses
4. Remember children burn more easily
5. Use factor 15+ sunscreen or higher

As a school staff we will:

- Minimise the risks by limiting the amount of time that pupils are required to spend exposed to the sun.
- Consider the timing of events; the sun's harmful rays are most intense between midday and early afternoon
- When it is extremely hot, keep children out of the sun altogether.
- Encourage children to make use of all available shade provided by buildings, trees etc
- Encourage parents to send their children to school with a suitable broad brimmed hat or cap, which provides head, face and neck protection from the sun.
- Encourage pupils to wear loose fitting clothing whenever they are not participating in physical activities.
- Encourage parents to apply appropriate sunscreen protection for their child prior to them coming to school (this **MUST** be applied before coming into school). Staff cannot apply sunscreen to children.
- Encourage children to drink plenty of water to prevent dehydration

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Now the summer term has started, I wanted to write and tell you about our Sun Protection Policy. We have developed this to ensure that we can all enjoy the sun safely over the coming months.

The sun's rays are particularly strong over the summer and they can damage children's skin. This may not seem like a problem right now, but sadly it can lead to skin cancer in later life. Your child's health and well-being are very important to us, which is why we have decided to:

- Increase the amount of school time spent learning about sun protection
- Provide shade in the playground (bike sheds on the yard and outdoor classroom)
- Encourage pupils to wear hats and t-shirts when outside
- Encourage pupils to use sunscreen (factor 15 or higher) at school and on trips (MUST be applied before coming into school). Staff cannot apply sunscreen to children.

Your support is very important if our new policies are going to work. You can help by:

- Talking to your child about the importance of sun protection at home.
- Sending your child to school with a wide brimmed hat or cap (please ensure you print your child's name clearly inside).
- Ensuring you apply sunscreen to your child prior to them coming to school when the weather is warm and sunny.

Together I hope we can have a very happy and safe term to come!

Yours sincerely,



Mr S Brown
Head Teacher