



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”.

At Paganel 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.

PROTECTION

- On sunny days, supervising staff will remind children that they need to seek shade during breaks, lunchtime, sports and school trips.
- Children to wear a peaked or wide-brimmed hat when outdoors during the summer term & taken on school trips.
- Staff and parents are encouraged to act as good role models by practicing sun safety.
- Parents are to ensure their child has applied sunscreen (SPF 25+) before coming to school. A long lasting sun cream is preferred as this will offer all day protection for the children.
- Parents are to ensure that their child is able to apply his/her own sunscreen to all exposed areas.

- Parents are to provide their child with a sunscreen product (SPF 25+) for use in school and on trips. This must be clearly marked with the child's name, kept in their school bag and replenished by their parents as needed. In hot, sunny weather, children will be able to re-apply their own sunscreen at lunchtime, unless the school has been informed in writing by their parent that they are unable to do this. Children within Early Years may need help with the application of sunscreen; this would only be applied to exposed areas of the child. Staff will encourage and supervise children to apply sunscreen themselves.
- Should temperatures become too intense at dinnertimes then the Senior Leadership Team may shorten the outdoor dinner play so that the children do not suffer from heat related illnesses.

HYDRATION

- Pupils are encouraged to bring in their own named water bottle for PE and Games lessons and for general consumption 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. Staff will encourage and supervise children to apply sunscreen themselves.