

Wyborne Primary School



Sun Protection Policy

June 2017

Introduction

At Wyborne Primary School we want staff and pupils to enjoy the summer months and to be safe in the sun. We will achieve this through both education and protection.

We are aware that children are at a higher risk of sunburn during the summer term and that the sun is at its most fierce from 10.00am until 2.00pm which is the time the children are in the care of staff at school.

Sun protection is a multi-strand approach including education, protection and sensible routines. The application of sun protection cream alone may not always be effective in preventing sun burn. We must also be aware of the fact that the sun can also cause of symptoms, for example, dehydration.

Education

We will talk about being 'Sun Smart' in assemblies and/or in class during the summer term.

Information will be put up around school and on our website advising parents of how to prepare their child for coming to school on a hot day. This checklist will include

- Ensuring their child has sun protection cream applied before coming to school. Most chemists and supermarkets stock 'once a day' water resistant sun protection creams which can be applied by parents before school and after school as necessary
- Ensuring their child has a hat with them everyday
- Ensuring their child has a fresh bottle of drinking water in school everyday

Lunch time staff will be advised to ensure all children who have hats wear them at lunch time. Lunch time staff will encourage all children to take frequent drinks of water.

Protection

Shade

All play areas have some sections of shade as the sun moves around the building during the day providing natural at times. During the hottest parts of the day, children will be encouraged to move to shaded areas or under sun shades (umbrellas) at varying times to limit prolonged exposure to the sun.

Sunscreen

Parents will be encouraged through information on our website to put appropriate 'once a day' water resistant sun protection cream on their children before they come to school.

If children are going on a school trip on a hot day or participating in events which involves them being outdoors for a longer period of time than usual, a letter will be sent home advising that children may bring their own sun protection cream to 'top up' throughout the day.

Teachers may supervise children in applying their sun protection cream while on trips but it is the children's responsibility to apply the cream and to keep the container stored safely.

Some children and/or staff may have an allergic reaction to sun protection cream. Therefore, children who have brought cream to school must keep this in their bag and not share with anyone else. This is also good infection control practice.

Medical Needs

If your child has a specific medical condition which requires regular application of sun protection cream or hayfever relief medication throughout the school day, please inform the Lead First Aider to discuss in more detail.

Sunglasses

Can be worn by pupils who have a medical requirement to wear them.

Sunhats

Parents are to ensure that their child's name is clearly visible inside hat. It is preferable for children to wear 'Legionnaire' style hat to provide protection to the neck area.