



# SUN PROTECTION POLICY

At Boyne Hill CE Infant & Nursery School we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and want staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this.

## EDUCATION

- We will teach pupils about how to stay safe in the sun.
- We will teach pupils how to apply their own sunscreen.

## PROTECTION FROM THE SUN OUTDOORS

- Shade
  - When the sun is strong we will encourage pupils to sit/play in the shade where it is available.
  - Where possible, outdoor activities will take place in the shade.
  - At playtime and lunchtime, in extreme heat, the pupils will have access to the hall and/or a classroom to be able to avoid the sun.
- Clothing
  - When outside in sunny weather, pupils are encouraged to wear a wide-brimmed hat or Legionnaire's cap that shades the ears, face and neck.
  - Pupils will wear tops that cover their shoulders.
  - Pupils are allowed to wear plastic UV protective sunglasses at playtime and lunchtime.
  - Staff will be encouraged to wear suitable hats and clothing when on playground duty and teaching outdoors on sunny days.
  - Pupils will be allowed to take their shoes off when indoors.
- Sunscreen
  - We ask parents to apply 8-hour sunscreen with a sun protection factor of 30 or above and at least 4-star UVA (ultraviolet A) protection to their children before they come to school during the summer months.
  - Pupils may re-apply their own sunscreen brought into school. It MUST be named and given to the class teacher. Staff will supervise as pupils apply their own sunscreen.
  - NOTE: Staff may assist pupils with SEND to apply their sunscreen but written parental consent must be given. Sunscreen will only be applied to the face, neck and arms of pupils.

## **PROTECTION FROM THE SUN INDOORS**

- Windows and other ventilation openings will be opened during the cool of early morning to allow stored heat to escape from the building.
- The use of electric lighting will be kept to a minimum during heatwaves.

## **MAINTAINING PUPILS' HEALTH DURING HOT WEATHER CONDITIONS**

- Pupils will be encouraged to eat normally.
- Pupils will be encouraged to drink plenty of water on hot days from their own, named water.

This policy recognises that school staff cannot be required to apply sunscreen to pupils due to the potential for allegations of abuse and, in particular, the time it would take to apply sunscreen to a class of pupils prior to break time or lunchtime. *(NB: this does not apply to children with SEND for whom we have written consent from parents/carers as per previous note above).*

**This policy will be reviewed biennially**

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