

Newsham Primary School
Sun Protection Policy



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Introduction

At Newsham Primary 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 through:

Education – these measures are in place throughout school:

- All pupils will have at least one Sun Smart lesson per year.
- We will talk about how to be Sun Smart in assemblies at the start of the summer term and before the summer break.
- Parents/Carers will be sent a letter explaining what the school is doing about sun protection and how they can help. This letter will be sent home during the first half of the summer term and will be published on our school website alongside this policy.
- Teachers will attend a special Sun Smart training workshop at the end of the Easter term and information on sun safety will be provided in the staff workroom.

Protection – this is an ongoing process throughout the school year.

Shade:

- When the sun is strong we will encourage pupils to sit/play in the shade where it is available.
- Canopies/Gazebos will be purchased for outdoor/whole school activities

Timetabling:

- In the summer months we aim to schedule outside activities, school trips and PE lessons that are aligned to suitable weather conditions as far as possible.

Clothing:

- We will encourage hats, appropriate clothing and sunscreen all to be utilised to prevent sunburn.
- T-shirts and not vests must be worn for PE.
- All staff will be made aware of the benefits of wearing hats and other appropriate and protective clothing such as long sleeved tops. When on playground duty and when teaching outdoors on sunny days. The importance of sunscreen will be widely understood by staff.

Sunscreen:

- Sunscreen use will be encouraged on days when the sun is strong during summer at lunch breaks, during PE lessons and on school trips.
- Staff cannot apply sunscreen to pupils and parents/carers will be reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure their child is adequately protected with a high factor sunscreen before coming to school during sunny weather. Factor 50 is recommended to ensure a high level of protection from the sun's rays. Parents/Carers will also be reminded that sunscreen has a limited shelf life and can become ineffective if it was purchased last year.
- This policy will be reviewed annually.