

Sun Protection Policy

At Shipley we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and want staff, pupils and parents to stay safe in the sun. We aim to achieve this by:

EDUCATION

- Staff and pupils receive guidance about how to stay safe in the sun.
- We talk about how to stay safe in assemblies at the start of the summer term and before summer break.
- Parents and carers have information in the newsletter about what measures the school are taking to safeguard pupils from harm from the sun.

PROTECTION FROM THE SUN OUTDOORS

Shade

- When the sun is strong we will encourage pupils to sit/play in the shade and try to create extra shaded areas and activities.

Clothing

- Pupils are encouraged to wear hats that protect the back of the neck.
- Pupils can wear UV protective sunglasses.
- Staff will be encouraged to wear suitable hats and clothing when on playground duty and teaching outdoors on sunny days to reinforce the SunSmart message.

Sunscreen

- The use of sunscreen is encouraged (minimum SPF 15)
- Pupils can bring in their own labelled bottle of sunscreen to apply during the day (this may NOT be shared with other children)
- The school has spare SPF 30 cream for children or parents who may need it. Staff do not apply sunscreen unless there is a health plan in place to cater for a medical need.

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.
- All electrical equipment, including computers and monitors will be switched off when not in use and will not be left in standby mode.

MAINTAINING CHILDREN'S HEALTH DURING HOT WEATHER CONDITIONS

- Lunch sittings are extended slightly to keep them out of the midday sun
- Pupils are encouraged to bring their own labelled water bottle to school and have regular drinks breaks
- Classroom layouts are adjusted to take account of sunlight