



'Where Children Come First'

Sun Protection Policy

At Shepton Mallet Community Infants' School and Nursery 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 :

- 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 summer break.
- Parents and guardians will be sent a letter at the beginning of the summer term explaining what the school is doing about sun protection and how they can help .

PROTECTION This is an ongoing process:

Shade:

- When the sun is strong we will encourage pupils to sit/play in the shade where it is available.

Timetabling:

- In the summer months we will aim to schedule outside activities, school trips and PE lessons outside of the hottest period of the day. If this is unavoidable, we will ensure hats and clothing are worn to prevent sunburn.
- The school hall will be used for activities which are usually carried out outside to prevent sunburn.

Clothing:

- When outside in sunny weather, children are required to wear hats that cover the ears, face and neck.
- All teachers have agreed to wear hats when on playground duty and teaching outdoors on sunny days.

Sunscreen:

- Children must wear sunscreen, applied at home, to school each day during the summer. We recommend that parents apply long-acting sunscreen.
- The children will be encouraged to reapply their sunscreen on days when the sun is strong during summer at lunch breaks, during PE lessons and on school trips. Staff will supervise this.
- Sunscreen needs to be sent into school, in a named bottle, for the children to apply themselves when the sun is strong during the summer months.

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