



Lanesfield Primary School Sun Protection Policy

At Lanesfield 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 from now on:

- All pupils will have at least one SunSmart lesson per year.
- We will talk about how to be SunSmart in assemblies at the start of the Summer term and before Summer break.
- Parents and guardians will be sent a letter explaining what the school is doing about sun protection and how they can help at the beginning of the summer term.

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.
- We are investigating planting willow trees at the edge of the playground.
- to make us a canopy to provide shade in the parent's outdoor waiting area
- We are fundraising to buy a free-standing permanent shade canopy and will hopefully have enough budget for this by Spring 2018 ready for the summer term.

Timetabling:

- In the summer months we will aim to schedule outside activities, school trips and PE lessons before 11am and after 3pm if appropriate. If this is unavoidable we will ensure hats, clothing and sunscreen are all worn to prevent sunburn.

Clothing:

- When outside in sunny weather, children are required to wear hats that cover the ears, face and neck.
- Our sports uniform is t-shirts not vests.
- All teachers have agreed to wear hats when on playground duty and teaching outdoors on sunny days.

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. Extra sunscreen will be made available in case children forget their own.
- We will send letters home asking for permission for pupils to apply sunscreen on days when the sun is strong during the summer months.
- We cannot currently supply sunscreen to all pupils on a daily basis because of cost. The sun safety council will review this annually.

This policy was developed using advice from Cancer research UK.

We will monitor our progress and review the policy annually.

Dear Parent or Guardian

Following the recent heatwave, I wanted to write and tell you about our new **sun protection policy**. We have developed this with the help of teachers, school nurse and Cancer Research UK so that pupils can all enjoy the sun safely over the coming months, in and out of school.

The sun's rays are particularly strong over the summer and they can damage children's skin. This may not seem like a problem right now, but it can lead to **skin cancer** in later life. Your child's health and well-being are very important to us, which is why we have decided to:

- ✓ Increase the amount of school time spent learning about sun protection.
- ✓ Provide more shade in the playground.
- ✓ Encourage pupils to wear hats and t-shirts when outside.
- ✓ Encourage pupils to use at least SPF 15 sunscreen in summer months.

More details of these and other new sun protection plans can be found on the website link below:

<http://publications.cancerresearchuk.org>

Your support is very important if our new policies are going to work. You can help by:

- Talking to your child about the importance of sun protection at home.
- Sending your child to school with a wide-brimmed hat, suncream applied and to use later if needed and a drink.

Together I hope we can have a very happy and safe time during this heatwave and in the future

Yours Faithfully

Mrs Rollinson

Head Teacher

Lanesfield primary School