

SIXPENNY HANDLEY FIRST SCHOOL

Sun Safety

9th October 2018



The Governors of Sixpenny Handley First School place an absolute priority on ensuring the safety of its pupils. In acknowledgement of the increasing danger of skin cancer which children face, and in acknowledgement of the role which this school can play in protecting children from danger, the Governors have adopted the following Sun Safety Policy.

Staff

The school will ensure that all staff are fully aware of the sun protection guidelines:

- Take care not to burn
- Cover up, wear a hat, re-hydrate and seek shade
- Ensure pupils that have permission reapply sun cream before lunchtime and during outdoor activities if necessary
- Staff should, whilst on official duties, follow the protection guidelines and should act as good role models

Pupils

- Wherever reasonably possible, sun awareness and sun safety issues will be incorporated within the curriculum areas
- Sun Safety specific activities will take place yearly at the beginning of the summer term
- Older pupils will act as 'Sun Buddies' to support the younger children with sun safety strategies

Parents

- Where appropriate parents/guardians will be provided with information on skin care, skin cancer and preventative strategies. They will be encouraged to ensure that their children are equipped for protection from the sun.
- Parents will have the option to sign a permission slip for pupils to reapply sun cream to key areas whilst in school
- Parents are reminded and expected to apply the main application of sun cream in the morning before the child comes to school

Uniform

- School uniform and clothing guidelines take account of sun protection issues
- Children are required to wear hats that cover the ears, face and neck
- Children without hats will play in the shaded area of the field

Shade

- The school will try to make provision for adequate shaded areas within the school grounds when children are out of doors
- When it is hot, at the end of lunchtime, all children will sit in the shade for the last 5 minutes for quiet time

Outdoor Activities

- Where possible, PE lessons will take place at times to avoid extreme exposure to strong sunlight
- Use of sunscreens and appropriate clothing will be encouraged. Parents will be asked to support these measures
- Attention should be paid to the guidelines when school outings, sports days and other such activities are planned

Sunscreens

- The use of sunscreens and sun prevention by parents/children will be encouraged. Parents are required to apply sun cream before the children arrive to school. The school has sun cream dispensers in each class for children, who have permission, to re-apply to key areas.
- The School accepts no responsibility for children who sun burn.

First Aid

Staff should be confident about their ability to deal with sunburn and should:

- Contact the First Aider in school
- Move the casualty into the shade – preferably indoors.
- Cool the skin by sponging with tepid water.
- Give frequent sips of cold water
- Contact parents/carer

Medical advice should be sought if there is blistering or other skin damage, or if there is dizziness or vomiting.

The school is committed to safeguarding & promoting the welfare of children & expects all staff to share this commitment.

Article 6: All children have the right to life. Governments should ensure that children survive and develop healthily

Article 24: Children have the right to good quality healthcare, clean water, nutritious food and a clean environment so they will stay healthy