



Harris Primary School



Sun Protection Policy

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At Harris 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 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.



PROTECTION – this is an ongoing process

Shade:

- We will encourage students to sit/play in the shade where it is available.
- There are a variety of trees on the field and in the woodland area.

Timetabling:

- When appropriate, we will aim to schedule outside activities, school trips and PE lessons to ensure children's exposure to the sun is reduced as much as possible. If this is unavoidable we will ensure hats, clothing and sunscreen are all worn to prevent sunburn.

Clothing:

- Staff on outdoor duties or in charge of school outings will remind children to wear appropriate clothing and to use sunscreen.
- Children are encouraged to wear hats.
- Our sports uniform consists of T- shirts rather than vest tops in order to cover and thus protect shoulders during outdoor lessons.

Sunscreen:

- Parents and guardians will be encouraged to ensure that their children are protected by long lasting sunscreen each day before they arrive at school and are protected by appropriate clothing as mentioned above.
- Children will be responsible for applying their own sunscreen in school using their labelled bottle.
- Parents are asked only to send in small containers of sunscreen, which children can manage to apply themselves. Roll on sunscreen is recommended.
- The use of sunscreen will be encouraged if the children are to spend any length of time outside on hot days.

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