

Queen's Hill Primary and Nursery School Sun Smart Policy



At Queen's Hill Primary and Nursery School we want children and staff to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this through;

Education

- We will have at least one assembly based on Sun Safety and regular reminders throughout the Summer term.
- The assembly will be followed up in class by at least one lesson on Sun Safety, which will be detailed on medium term planning. Ideas and resources can be found on www.sunsmart.org.uk or sunsafeschools.co.uk
- Information on how parents can support the school in its aims will be included in newsletters, the school website, text message, social media and school assemblies during the summer term.

Protection

Shade:

- We will encourage the children to make use of the shaded area beneath the covered areas when the sunlight is above UV level 3.
- There is a shaded area in the school grounds and we will put up a gazebo on sunny sports days.
- We conduct shade assessments to consider future needs and are committed to investigating fund raising opportunities and to improving shade solutions.

Timetabling:

- We will ensure that our sports days are held in the early morning or late afternoon to avoid the midday sun.
- Sports days will be postponed if the weather is too hot.

Sunscreen:

- Parents will be asked to ensure that sunscreen is applied to their children before the school day begins. This will be added onto our curriculum overviews.

- Sunscreen may be sent to school during the summer months. This must be labelled with the child's name and should be stored by the class teacher who will give it to the child to apply. Children need to know how to apply it independently.
- Children will be asked to supply their own sunscreen on any trips where they will be likely to be exposed to more direct sunlight than usual. (Must be labelled with the child's name.)
- On residential trips, the children's named sunscreen will be stored by a member of staff and supplied for the child to apply, as necessary.
- We make available additional sunscreen for all outdoor activities, events and school trips where children may have forgotten, lost or run out of theirs.
- Members of staff are not responsible for applying sun screen, unless otherwise agreed with the parent. A member of staff will supervise if necessary.

Clothing:

- Spare school sun hats will be available for children who have forgotten theirs.
- Staff will actively encourage the wearing of sun hats during playtimes and outdoor PE lessons when the sun is shining brightly.
- We use sun-safe strategies to encourage pupils to cover up like 'No hat, play in the shade.'
- We ensure pupils wear school and PE uniforms that keep shoulders covered, vests/strappy tops are strongly discouraged.
- Children will be permitted to wear sunglasses that offer UV protection during outdoor activities, unless it is not appropriate (certain PE lessons)

Staff and Role modelling:

- We ask staff to role model good sun - safety behaviours such as applying sun screen and wearing a sun hat when UV levels reach 3 or above.

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We will monitor our progress and the policy will be reviewed annually.