

Somers Park Primary School
Non- statutory policy



Sun Safety Policy

April 2018

Responsibility: Headteacher

Agreed: April 2018

Signed:

To be reviewed: Summer 2021

Our Sun Safety Policy states that our school will:

- Educate children throughout the curriculum about the causes of skin cancer and how to protect their skin;
- Encourage children to wear clothes that provide good sun protection, including sun hats with a wide brim or a legionnaire's style hat, and use sunscreens where appropriate;
- Seek shade, particularly in the middle of the day and to use shady areas during breaks, lunchtimes, sports and trips.
- Encourage staff and parents to act as good role models by practising sun safety;
- Regularly remind children, staff and parents about sun safety through newsletters, posters and activities for pupils;
- Drink plenty of water during hot, sunny weather;
- Make sure the Use of Sun Screens Policy is working.
- We will regularly monitor our curriculum, assess shade provision, and review the sun safety behaviour of students and staff (use of hats, shade, etc).

Our School wishes to encourage students to protect themselves from the sun. One way of doing this is to use sunscreen (minimum SPF 15+) at the appropriate time. Parents are encouraged to apply sunscreen before pupils come to school and consider using an 8 hour cream, which for most children, shouldn't need to be reapplied during the school day.

If a pupil is to use sunscreen at school, parents are asked to:

1. Provide the sunscreen product for school use. The sunscreen must be:

- a) Clearly marked with the child's name.
- b) Replenished by the parent as needed.

2. The sunscreen product will be stored in the child's book bag or other location designated by the teacher.

3. The child must be able to apply his or her own sunscreen (except Nursery, Pre-school and Reception children).

4. For Reception, Nursery, Pre-school and Wrap around parents: They are asked to apply sunscreen at home before a typical school day, this will be reapplied as necessary by staff where required.

If it is considered necessary for teachers/staff to assist with the application of sunscreen, the sunscreen will only be applied to face, neck, arms, hands and lower legs. Parents are asked to provide written instruction to teachers for their child's individual needs.