

Flowery Field Primary School



Early Years Sun Safety Policy

At Flowery Field we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and want children and staff to be protected from the harmful UV rays of the sun. We will strive to work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this through education, working with parents, providing shade, covering up, application of sunscreen, drinking water and timetabling.

Education - We will talk about being sun sensible through a planned circle time at the start of the summer term, revisit being sun sensible regularly throughout summer term and then teach it again before the summer break. A letter will be sent to parents and guardians at the start of the summer term, explaining what we are doing about sun protection and how they can help.

Providing shade - Children will be encouraged to play in the shade, under the shutters, under self-built dens, in the sand pit and under the mud kitchen canopy. Trees have been planted on the edge of the playground to provide additional shade.

Covering up - Children should wear sun hats while outdoors, parents will be asked to provide a hat, school will provide a hat where children do not have their own. Pupils with mobility issues, e.g. children in wheelchairs, are at additional risk and should cover their legs if wearing shorts or a skirt. All school staff will wear hats when outdoors to be role models in practicing sun safety and for own personal sun safety.

Drinking water - Water is always available and children will be encouraged to drink regularly during hot weather.

Sunscreen - Sunscreen use will be encouraged. Parents should apply sunscreen before their child leaves for school and provide a named bottle of sunscreen so it can be reapplied during the day. Staff will ensure that sunscreen is reapplied before children go to lunch and after activities that may have rubbed or washed away the sunscreen, such as water play or sweating, sunscreen will also be taken on school trips and to forest school. School will provide extra sunscreen in the event of children not having their own. We recommend using as high an SPF as possible.

Timetabling - Where possible outside activities, school trips and PE lessons will be scheduled before 11am and after 3pm if possible. If unavoidable, we will ensure hats, clothing and sunscreen are all worn to help prevent sunburn.

This policy will be reviewed annually.