



Springfield Primary Academy

Sun Safety Policy

At Springfield Primary Academy we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and want children and staff to be protected from the harmful UV rays of the sun, and will work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this through the following.

Education

We will talk about being sun sensible in assemblies at the start of the summer term and before summer break.

A letter will be sent to parents and carers at the start of the summer term, explaining what we are doing about sun protection and how they can help.

Teachers will plan lessons relating to sun safety.

Protection

Pupils will be encouraged to play in the shade, where this is available.

Children should wear wide-brimmed hats that shade the ears, face and neck whilst outdoors.

Those with mobility issues, e.g. children in wheelchairs, are at additional risk and should cover their legs if wearing shorts.

We will make sure water is available and encourage children to drink regularly during hot weather.

Sunscreen use will be encouraged, especially at break times, during PE lessons, outdoor activities and on school trips.

Parents should apply sunscreen before their child leaves for school, with a named bottle of sunscreen in their school bag so it can be reapplied during the day. We recommend using as high an SPF as possible.

Children are encouraged to apply their own sunscreen. Under no circumstances are children allowed to share their sunscreen with other children. Younger children will be supported by staff to apply their sunscreen.

During outside activities, staff will ensure hats, appropriate clothing and sunscreen are all worn to help prevent sunburn.