

Sun Safety Policy Statement

Purley CE Primary School

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It is now recognised that over exposure to the sun can be of risk to health. It is important for young children to enjoy the sunshine but also to be aware of the dangers of over exposure to the harmful rays of the sun. Purley School believes in promoting Sun Safety to ensure that children and staff are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays in sunlight.

At Purley CE Primary School we aim to:

- inform all the children about the need to be sun aware
- encourage children to play in the shady areas of the playground, (under trees or in the shade from the school buildings).
- encourage children to wear hats in the sun
- ensure children have access to drinking water
- keep outdoor games sessions short if they cannot be played in the shade
- seek help if a child complains of burning.

As part of our Sun Safety Policy Purley School will:

- Talk to the children about how to protect their skin from damage by the sun;
- Encourage children to wear clothes that provide good sun protection,
- 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). Purley School wishes to encourage pupils to protect themselves from the sun. One way of doing this is to use sunscreen at the appropriate time. If a pupil is to use sunscreen at school, parents are asked to:

1. Provide the sunscreen product for school use.
2. The sunscreen must be clearly marked with the child's name.
3. Replenished by the parent as needed.
4. The sunscreen product will be stored in the child's book bag or other location designated by the teacher.
5. Encourage pupils to apply their own sun cream (supplied by home) before break/lunch time or as necessary. Younger/less able pupils may need support with this and this should be set out in their care plan.

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.