

Durham County Council

THORNHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



Sun Protection Policy

Policy on Sun Protection

At Thornhill Primary School we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and we want all staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this through:

Education

- All pupils will have at least one Sun smart lesson per year.
- We will talk about how to be Sun smart in assemblies at the start of the summer term and before the summer holiday.
- Parents and carers will be sent a letter explaining what the school is doing about sun protection and how they can help at the beginning of the summer term.
- Teachers will be role models for sun safety and embed the sun safe message across the curriculum.

Protection

- When the sun is strong we will encourage the children to sit / play in the shade where it is available e.g. under the trees, along hedge lines and in the pagoda.

Timetabling

- In the summer months we will aim to schedule outside activities, school trips and PE lessons before 11am and after 3pm if appropriate. If this is unavoidable we will ensure hats, clothing and sunscreen are all worn to prevent sunburn.
- In the summer term when the UV index is above 6 with a high risk we will adjust the lunchtime break to ensure minimum risk – the infants will come into school from 12.40pm . Early Years and infant children will have a maximum of 10 minutes outside, in shaded areas with e.g. shaded sandpit use and no water tray use to prevent risk from reflections.
- Class teachers to advise removal of jumpers and reduction in running around and excess physical exertion during hot break times.
- Junior class teachers also to decide whether it is appropriate for their class to remain outside for the full lunchtime depending upon the lessons (e.g. outdoor P.E) they have taken part in that day.

Clothing

- When outside in sunny weather, children are required to wear sun hats, and where possible ones that cover ears, face and neck.(the legionnaire style)
- All teachers to be role models wearing hats on playground duty and whilst teaching outdoors on sunny days.

Sunscreen

- Sunscreen use will be encouraged on days when the sun is strong during summer at lunch breaks, during PE lessons and on school trips.
- Parents will be asked to apply an 8 to 12 hour lasting sun cream to children at home before coming to school. Staff will not re-apply during school time due to possible issues with cross contamination. However, children can self-apply cream that they bring into school, labelled with their name themselves during school time.

This policy will be reviewed annually.

