



Sun Safety Policy

Aim

The purpose of this sun safety policy is to protect children and staff from skin damage caused by the effects of ultraviolet radiation from the sun. At Oasis Academy Long Cross we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and want staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely.

EDUCATION

Curriculum:

- All pupils receive at least one lesson per year about the importance of sun protection.
- We talk about how to be 'Sun Smart' in assemblies and PSHE lessons at the start of the summer term and before summer break.
- Parents are informed of the importance of sun protection through information sent home in newsletters and a letter informing them of the sun protection policy.

Lesson Planning:

- When the sun is strong we will encourage pupils to sit / play in the shade where it is available.
- All children have access to water if the activity outside exceeds 20 minutes.
- Organised activities make use of the shade available.

PROTECTION

(Sun Protection Strategies)

Shade:

- Some shaded areas and seating is available in the playground,
- There are a variety of trees in the playground which provide shade at different times of the day,

Clothing:

- When outside in sunny weather, children are required to wear hats that cover the ears, face and neck.

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- Pupils always wear tops that cover their shoulders (vests and strappy tops are not allowed) as part of their school uniform and PE kit,
- Pupils are allowed to wear UV protective sunglasses on sunny days,
- Staff also wear suitable clothing and hats to reinforce sun safety.

Sunscreen:

- Parents are encouraged and reminded to ensure that high factor/8 hour sun screen is applied to children before school on very hot days,
- Parental permission for pupils to apply sunscreen to themselves in school under staff supervision. Sun screen should be brought into school labelled. Staff cannot apply sun screen to children

COLLABORATION

Communicating our Policy:

- All teachers and staff are made aware of this policy and the importance of sun protection within the school environment.
- This policy will be available to view on the school website, staff handbook and will be highlighted to parents, carers and children throughout the summer term. All parents and carers receive our letter informing them of our Sun Protection Policy (see Appendix A).
- Pupils learn about Sun Policy through assemblies, workshops, talks and PSHE lessons.

This Sun Safety Policy was developed by Staff and Healthy School Coordinator in conjunction with the Sun Smart Policy Guidelines.



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Appendix A

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Now the summer term has started, I wanted to write and tell you about our new **sun protection policy** we have developed to ensure that we can all enjoy the sun safely over the coming months.

The sun's rays are particularly strong over the summer and they can damage children's skin. This may not seem like a problem right now, but it can lead to **skin cancer** in later life. Your child's health and well-being are very important to us, which is why we have decided to:

- Increase the amount of school time spent learning about sun protection.
- Encourage pupils to wear hats and t-shirts when outside.
- Encourage pupils to use at least SPF 15 sunscreen in summer months.

More details of the new sun protection can be found in our sun protection policy which I am attaching to this letter. I have also included a Sun Smart information leaflet which will explain how to keep you and your child safe from the sun.

Your support is very important if our new policies are going to work. You can help by:

- Talking to your child about the importance of sun protection at home.
- Sending your child to school with a wide-brimmed hat.
- Applying sun screen before school.
- Reminding your child to drink water when playing outside.

Together I hope we can have a very happy and safe term to come!

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