



Sun Safety Policy

Rationale

This policy aims to support our children in safe outdoor play and work.

Aims

- Provide information to parents about being safe in the sun at Hopton.
- To encourage all children to be responsible for their own safety in the sun.
- To identify and teach sun safety as part of the curriculum whether in class, assembly or through information.
- To support children in making safe decisions whilst being out in the sun.

Information

- Sun protection includes any type of sun lotion as well as sun block and any type of lip balm, with any type of SPF rating.
- We ask that parents send their children to Hopton suitably dressed for each type of weather. In terms of the sun this would be clothing that covers the neck, head and exposed arms and legs.
- We ask that if parents wish to use sun cream then they apply a long-lasting sun cream to their children before the start of school. There are many different products on the market for this. We strongly suggest that SPF 30, 40 or 50 be used. Whilst this may lose some of its protection properties over time it is still an effective way to manage sun protection.
- However, parents may choose to send in sun protection to school. This will be the responsibility of the children. The staff in school will not be available to remind or support or supervise the children in the application of sun protection or to look for lost sun protection. We would advise roll on sun protection, or sunscreen wipes as these are easy to apply.
- If a parent or carer decides to send in sun protection it needs to be named. The sun protection needs to be kept in a Tupperware type container to avoid it damaging school books/property through leaking or any other factors.
- Any damage to school books and/or property through sun protection will need to be paid for by parents/carers.
- Children must not under any circumstances share sun protection. If we see this happening then the sun protection will be taken away from the child. Any child who has another child's sun protection on will be asked to clean it from the applied areas. This is due to the risk of an allergic reaction.
- Parents or an agreed adult are also welcome to come into school at lunchtime to re-apply sun protection.
- Children are welcome to bring into school, hats and such like that will offer protection to the head and neck areas. Children will be able to keep these in the classroom and take them out at break. Please note that these will be the responsibility of the children and staff will not be able to look for lost hats. Please name the hats to help identification.
- Children are welcome to bring sun glasses into school, which they can wear at break and lunch time. Please note that these will be the responsibility of the children and staff will not be able to look for lost glasses.



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- Children are encouraged to drink plenty of water to avoid being dehydrated through the day. Water is always available to all children.
- If the weather is extreme then any break or outside activity may be shortened or cancelled on safety grounds.
- Staff are reminded to be aware of the length of time children are exposed to the sun and hot weather, as such PE lessons may be moved from outside to the hall if required.

Residential Visits

- This applies only to Year 5 and Year 6 children.
- Children will need to apply sun protection to themselves when on a residential visit. They must not use their own cream on others or apply cream to each other.