



Paxcroft Primary School Sun Protection Policy

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

Education

- Staff will be educated about sun safety
- Children will be reminded each year about the importance of staying safe in the sun and how to do this
- Parents and carers will be sent a sun safety poster (Appendix A) which gives general advice on how to stay safe in the sun. A letter will also be sent to parents in the summer term which advises on the school's Sun Protection Policy and actions that will be taken to ensure children are safe in the sun

Protection from the sun outdoors

Shade

- When the sun is strong we will encourage pupils to sit/play in the shade during break and lunch time
- Where possible, outdoor activities will take place in the shade
- We may restrict any strenuous activities (such as football and running) during break and lunchtimes when the weather is very hot

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
- If heat is extreme, the school may take the decision to cancel certain sports clubs

Clothing

- When outside in sunny weather, pupils are encouraged to wear hats that cover the ears, face and neck
- Pupils are allowed to wear UV protective sunglasses
- Staff will be encouraged to wear suitable hats and clothing when on playground duty and teaching outdoors on sunny days to reinforce the sun safety message
- In extreme heat, the school may make adjustments to the uniform requirements by allowing children to wear their PE kit. If this decision is made, it will be communicated to parents via Parentmail

Sunscreen

- We will send letters home asking for parents to apply sunscreen to pupils before they come to school when the sun is strong during the summer months.

Protection from the sun indoors

- Windows and other ventilation openings will be opened during the cool of early morning to allow stored heat to escape from the building.
- The use of electric lighting will be kept to a minimum during heatwaves.
- All electrical equipment, including computers and monitors will be switched off when not in use and will not be left in standby mode.

Maintaining children's health during hot weather conditions

- Pupils will be encouraged to eat normally
- Pupils will be encouraged to bring their own labelled water bottle to school. They will be encouraged to drink plenty of water on hot days
- Classroom layouts will be adjusted, where possible, to avoid direct sunlight on pupils
- Staff will take children outdoors to shaded areas or into the air conditioned ICT suite for short periods of time, during times of extreme heat