

Sun Safety Policy

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General Rationale

Children have delicate skin that can be easily damaged by the sun's UV rays, particularly in the middle of the day.

Broadway Junior School has a responsibility to ensure that pupils are protected from the harmful effects of the sun as much as possible during the school day. Although fair skinned people are more at risk from sun damage, sun protection is relevant to everyone.

The policy has been written to substantiate and strengthen the school's aims and reflect its stated mission.

School Aims

Working in partnership with parents, carers and pupils, the school aims to maintain the measures which are already in place and develop further areas:

Curriculum activities – in place:

- All pupils will have at least one SunSmart lesson per year;
- We will talk about how to be SunSmart in assemblies during the summer
- term:
- Parents and carers will be sent a letter explaining what the school is doing
- about sun protection and how they can help during the summer term;
- Provide a shaded area during outdoor playtimes.

Protection – developing further areas by means of:

Shade:

• Consider how to improve the provision for shade within the school playground and garden area.

Clothing:

- We will encourage children to wear caps or wide brimmed hats;
- Children will wear T-shirts to cover their shoulders, rather than vests, for curriculum and after-school outdoor activities.

Sunscreen:

- Children may use sunscreen brought from home and apply it themselves before outdoor activities/breaks.
- Sun protection should be provided by families during the summer months. In some circumstances, a small store of school products can be used with parental consent.
- The use of sun screen will be encouraged for children participating in educational visits.

Co-ordination, monitoring and evaluation

Teachers are responsible for teaching one SunSmart lesson per year. The Headteacher will liaise with class teachers to support, assist and guide planning, advise on approaches, recommend and organise resources and evaluate the provision and outcomes.

The Governing Body and the policy

The Governing Body will receive updates from the Headteacher in respect of the provision for sun protection.

These updates will give governors information against which they can evaluate the effectiveness of the school's provision.

External Agencies

Broadway Junior School works closely with the School Nurse to provide information and advice for parents and children.

Policy Review

The Headteacher will arrange for a full, evaluative review of this policy on a bi-annual basis.