

SUN SAFETY POLICY

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Our approach to sun safety follows NHS guidance and the Sun Safe Schools framework, ensuring that sunscreen is used alongside protective clothing, shade and hydration, with children supported to apply sunscreen independently under supervision.

Aims

At Rucstall Primary School, we are committed to protecting children from the harmful effects of sun exposure. We aim to ensure that all pupils and staff can enjoy outdoor activities safely.

This policy supports our safeguarding and health and safety responsibilities.

Key Principles

- Children should be protected from sunburn at all times
- Parents, staff and pupils share responsibility for sun safety
- Sun safety is part of a whole-school approach to health and wellbeing

Sun Protection Measures

a) Sunscreen

- Parents are asked to apply sunscreen (SPF 30 or higher) before school.
- Children may bring a named bottle of sunscreen to school.
- Pupils will be encouraged and supervised to apply their own sunscreen.
- Staff will not routinely apply sunscreen.
 - If support is required (e.g. EYFS/KS1), this will only be done with parental consent and clear staff guidance.

b) Clothing

- Children should wear a suitable sun hat during warm weather.
- The school encourages the wearing of protective clothing where appropriate (e.g. t-shirts covering shoulders).

c) Shade

- Pupils will be encouraged to play in shaded areas, particularly during peak sun hours.
- Outdoor activities may be adapted during very hot weather.

d) Hydration

- Children will have regular access to drinking water.
- Pupils are encouraged to bring a named water bottle to school.

Staff Supervision and Practice

- Staff will actively promote sun-safe behaviours.
- Staff will monitor children for signs of sunburn and heat exhaustion.
- Staff will ensure younger children are supported appropriately with routines (e.g. reapplication where needed).

Working with Parents

- The school will communicate expectations regarding:
 - applying sunscreen before school
 - providing named sunscreen and hats
- Parents will be supported to understand the importance of sun safety.

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed regularly as part of the school's health and safety procedures.