

SUN SAFETY

This Policy includes the Early Years Foundation Stage and Breakfast, Tea Time and Holiday Clubs.

Policy Statement

At Stretton School, we want all children and staff to enjoy spending time outside safely without the risk of the harmful effects of the sun and we acknowledge the importance of sun protection. During the summer and early autumn terms it is essential to safeguard children from the dangers of overexposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun during the school day. We work with staff, children and parents to achieve this through:

Education

- We will talk about how to be safe in circle time, class discussions and Assemblies held by Skin Cancer Specialist Nurses from the Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital.
- 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 months.
- We strongly encourage older pupils to take responsibility for their own sun protection, to wear hats and to play in shaded areas.

Protection

- Shade - when the sun is strong we will encourage pupils to sit/play in the shade where it is available.
- Use the electric sun canopy outside Nursery to provide shade in the playground.
- Erect gazebos on the lawn to provide shade in the garden.

Clothing

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

Sunscreen

- All Parents will be asked to provide **named** sunscreen for children which is kept at school.
- Sunscreen should be applied that is factor 30+, to all exposed parts of the body 15-30 minutes before going out in the sun not forgetting ears, shoulders, necks, noses and tops of feet etc. Written parental consent is gained for all children to allow staff to apply sunscreen.

- All children should wear sunscreen. Parents whose children are allergic to sunscreen should either try to find an alternative or ensure that their child is adequately covered with long sleeved, long legged clothing.
- If children are playing in the water, sunscreen will wash off and will need to be reapplied once they have been dried.
- Sunscreen use will be on days when the sun is strong during summer at lunch breaks, during PE lessons and on school trips. Extra sunscreen will be made available in case children forget their own.

Offsite

- Staff need to remember to take care when taking the children offsite. Suitable clothing, hats and sunscreen for the younger children must be taken as well as spare sunscreen for reapplication. Staff also need to consider whether the venue they are travelling to will have sufficient shaded area for the children.

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