



SARUM HALL SCHOOL

SUN PROTECTION POLICY

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INTRODUCTION

At Sarum Hall School we take Sun-Safety very seriously and aim to protect our pupils against the sun wherever possible.

SUN-SAFETY EDUCATION

Sun safety education is crucial for preventing skin damage and cancer. It involves teaching individuals how to protect themselves from harmful ultraviolet (UV) radiation, particularly during peak sun hours. Key components include understanding UV radiation, recognizing the risks of overexposure, and adopting protective measures like using sunscreen, wearing protective clothing, and seeking shade.

In EYFS at Sarum Hall School we will discuss with pupils how to keep safe in the sun. We will regularly re-emphasise to pupils why they must wear a hat and sunscreen when playing outdoors. Staff are also encouraged to be good role models by wearing hats and sunscreen themselves.

On occasion, particularly when the weather is forecast to be very hot, parents may be sent a letter reminding them what the School does about sun protection and what pupils should bring to school. Our guidelines are as follows:

- **Clothing:**
Pupils should have a sun hat at school. This should either be the official school hat or, in the Early Years, a hat with a brim. School will have a limited number of sunhats available if anyone has forgotten or lost theirs. If a pupil does not have a hat, they may be asked to remain in the shade or remain indoors.
- **Sunscreen:**
Sunscreen should be applied before a pupil comes into school each morning. Pupils should bring their own clearly named bottle of sunscreen to school to reapply themselves during the day (this should be a high-quality sunscreen – minimum SPF30+ with broad spectrum 4* UVA and UBA protection.) Pupils may apply their sunscreen to themselves under the supervision of an adult. Staff should not assist pupils, except in circumstances which are pre-agreed by the Headmistress. In the Early Years Foundational Stage (EYFS) staff WILL assist pupils with the application of sunscreen. Parents who would prefer their child not to receive assistance in the application of sunscreen should notify the school in writing. Staff should never be alone with a child when assisting with the application of sunscreen.
- **Shade:**
Gazebos may be set up in the playground/decking to provide a shaded area. Pupils can rest or play in this area or other shady areas; under the playhouse or in the beach huts.
- **Water:**
Pupils are encouraged to bring water bottles into the playground at break times, and they can top up in classrooms or at the water fountain in the playground. Pupils are required to bring their own water bottle to school each day.
- **Sunglasses:**
Pupils may only wear sunglasses outside.