

Saltersgate Junior School



Sun Awareness Policy

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Introduction

Young children need special care when they are in the sun. They love playing outdoors, but they are not aware of how the sun can damage their skin. So as adults it is important that we take precautions for them. Getting sunburnt as a child leads to greater risk of skin cancer in later life, but the good news is that sun damage can be avoided. Experts believe that four out of every five cases of skin cancer are preventable. It is important that children, especially young children, are given the protection they deserve.

Sun Know How
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Aims

- To protect children while they are in our care at school.
- To help work in partnership with parents to protect children at other times.
- To help children understand the importance of keeping themselves safe in the sun.

How aims are to be achieved

1. Staff to educate themselves about the risks of sunburn.
2. Staff to provide protective care (talk and reminders to children) over the summer months between April and September.
3. Staff to take particular care when children are outside during the hottest part of the day between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m.

During this period children should :

- wear a hat, the legionnaire style hats preferably
 - wear clothing covering shoulders and arms
 - only be outside for limited periods, when it is sunny.
 - wear appropriate sunscreen.
4. Provide shady areas in the playground.
 5. Parents will be informed about the school policy and be encouraged to keep their children safe in the sun through:
 - Making sure their child has sunscreen with them in school
 - a newsletter at the beginning of term.
 - occasional meetings arranged for parents with health professionals.
 - informal information from staff.
 - appropriate use of sunscreen.

- appropriate eye protection with a brimmed hat
6. At the beginning of the summer term staff will explain to children about the need to keep safe in the sun and how to do this.
7. Information will again be given in the spring and summer term.

Resources

- Books/posters/stories/displays
- Health Promotion
- Factsheets and leaflets

Evaluation

- Regular review with consultation of all relevant parties.