



Joy Lane Foundation Primary School

# Safety in the Sun Policy

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## **Rational**

In 21<sup>st</sup> century Britain, we know and understand that too much exposure to the sun and its UV rays, especially between 10am and 2pm, may cause sunburn. Schools need to play their part in raising awareness of the dangers of too much sun exposure and the need to protect children's skin because:

- children are at school when UV rays are high and the weather is at its hottest;
- most damage due to sun exposure occurs when children are young;
- schools like Joy Lane can play a significant part in educating and changing behaviours through modelling and lessons;
- pupils and adults can spend up to 1.5 hours outside per school day - more if involved in sports and outdoor activities;
- the skin can be protected through behaviour modification and sun protection during their early years.

The main element of this policy is to encourage:

- a positive working partnership with parents/carers, governors and the wider community to reinforce awareness about sun safety and promote a healthy school;
- education about sun safety and increase knowledge and influence behaviour;
- continual improvements to the school environment so that the school site enables pupils and staff to stay safe in the sun.

## **Partnership**

- Sun safety will be promoted through working with all the school stakeholders and the wider community in order to improve understanding and provision to avoid the harmful effects of too much exposure to UV rays.
- Staff to act as positive role models and set a good example when in the sun.

## **Education**

- Each year a special assembly in KS 1, 2 and Early Years will be dedicated to 'Safety in the Sun' (*Wrap, Splat, Hat*) where the children will be encouraged to apply '24 hour' sunscreen, wear a hat, stay hydrated and seek shade.
- Where appropriate the school curriculum will highlight and continue to educate around the dangers of too much sun exposure and how children can protect themselves
- At appropriate times and during very sunny periods and hot weather, the curriculum will include discussions about staying safe in the sun.
- Parents and carers will be reminded through newsletters, emails and ClassDojo to prepare the children for sun safety.

## **Protection at Joy Lane Primary School**

- Although there is plenty of shade available at Joy Lane, the Governors and SLT are always looking at improving the school environment so that there is more shade available. We will endeavour wherever possible to provide gazebos, etc. for sports days and other outdoor events.
- Children will be encouraged by adults to use the shaded areas of the school during playtimes, drink plenty of water, re-apply sunscreen and wear sun hats/caps.
- The decision may be made to reduce/change time spent outdoors on particularly hot and sunny days.

## **Clothing**

- The children will be encouraged to wear clothes that provide good sun protection ensuring shoulders and necks where possible are covered for P.E. and sports day.
- The children will be encouraged to wear hats in school during the hot, sunny months.

## **Sunscreen**

- Children are encouraged to come to school wearing sunscreen that will last for 24 hours.
- Children may have their own sunscreen in school and will be responsible for applying this.
- If parents wish adults to guide the children in applying sunscreen in the Early Years, then a personal discussion should be had with the adults in their class.

## **Drinking Water**

- Children have their own water bottles in school and are encouraged to drink water regularly, especially during hot, sunny weather.

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