



Sun Protection Policy

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Pheasey Park Farm Primary School and Children's Centre Nursery

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Aims

At Pheasey Park Farm Primary School and Children's Centre it is our aim to provide an outside environment that will cater to the health, safety and enjoyment of all children at all times.

There are times though when additional precautions are needed to protect children from unintentional harm such as sunburn and sunstroke.

Children will only stay outside for short periods and not during the hottest part of the day.

Procedures

We send out letters advising parents about the necessity to protect their child by providing a sun hat for the early years children preferably of the legionnaires type and sun screen pre-applied.

Sun Smart Safety Strategies Include:

- All children must bring and wear their own hats every day. We recommend a Legionnaire or broad brimmed hats. Hats can be supplied in an emergency.
- Under 5 children without hats will play only in shaded areas if they refuse to wear a hat.
- Sun Protection cream must be placed on each child at home before attending the centre or upon arrival. The staff will replenish it for under 5s and supervise over 5s with their application during the day.
- Staff will support children by showing them how to apply sunscreen carefully.

- If any child has an allergy or skin condition in relation to any sun block, the School/Centre must be informed and appropriate sunscreen must be supplied by the parent.
- All children will be provided with outside shade and will be encouraged to stay inside during the hottest hours of the day (10am to 3pm) or under shaded areas during this time.
- Where possible, outside experiences will be planned outside the peak UV times. If this is impossible based on children's interests, a multiple of preventions will be used before going outside. (i.e. shade, sun screen, hats, collared shirts).
- When the UV levels reach 3 or above, multiple sun protection methods are required before going outside. (for example, using shaded areas, using a min of SPF30 or other broad-spectrum water resistant sunscreen, broad brimmed hats and appropriate clothing such as long sleeves, pants, collars & covered necklines)
- Parents are encouraged to make suggestions and share ideas concerning health issues and sun protection with staff
- It is of value to all the children for them to be dressed appropriately in play clothes suitable for climbing, painting, and fun activities both indoor and outdoor experiences.
- Changes of weather/seasons would necessitate changes of clothes, supplied in their bags, to accommodate for hot or cold changes. Footwear comfort should be a consideration also. E.g. socks and shoes in cooler months & socks and sandals in hotter months.
- Children will never be asked or permitted to remove clothing whilst outside on hot days.
- Staff are encouraged to wear broad brimmed hats when outside

- School programs will involve sun protection learning activities, discussing sun safety and focusing on sun safety, especially in early spring while leading up to summer, when families are going on holidays at an age appropriate level.
- Water to drink is available to children at all times during the day and at all times throughout the year. Parents are asked to support this procedural policy to assist with keeping them safe from harm.

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