



## Health and Safety: Sun Protection Policy

At Bedwas Junior School, we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and want staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this through:

**EDUCATION** - these measures are in place from now on:

- All pupils will have at least one 'Sun Awareness' lesson per year.
- The school will talk about how to be aware of the dangers of the sun in assemblies at the end of the spring term and before summer break.
- Parents/carers will be sent a letter explaining what the school is doing about sun protection and how they can help at the beginning of the summer term.

**PROTECTION** - this is an ongoing process

**Shade:**

- We will encourage students to sit/play in the shade where it is available;
- We will be mindful of the length of time children are playing without shade on sunny days;
- During lunchtimes and breaktimes, children will be encouraged to use the shaded areas on the outdoor stage or in the quiet area.

**Timetabling:**

- On sunny days, the school will aim to schedule outside activities, school trips and PE lessons before 11am. If this is unavoidable we will ensure hats, clothing and sunscreen are all worn to prevent sunburn.

**Clothing:**

- Children are encouraged to wear hats that cover the ears, face and neck;
- Our sports uniform includes t-shirts to ensure that shoulders are covered at all times.
- All teachers are encouraged to wear hats when on playground duty and teaching outdoors.

**Sunscreen:**

- Sunscreen use will be encouraged during summer at lunch breaks, during PE lessons and on school trips.
- The newsletter and/or school blog will remind parents that children should have sunscreen applied before they come to school on a sunny day.
- Staff will not apply sunscreen to pupils. However, they will take a proactive role in raising awareness amongst pupils, parents and/or carers.

Policy written by Miss Hillier and School Council  
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Signature of Chair of Governors: \_\_\_\_\_