

# *Pembroke Primary School*



## *Sun Safety 2025*

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## 1. Purpose

To ensure that all students and staff are protected from the harmful effects of the sun's UV radiation.

## 2. Objectives

- Increase awareness about sun safety among students, staff, and parents.
- Provide a safe environment that minimizes UV exposure.
- Encourage sun-safe behaviors.

## 3. Sun & Heat Protection Measures

- Shade: Ensure there are sufficient shaded areas in the school grounds, especially in play areas and outdoor learning spaces.
- Clothing: Encourage the wearing of sun-protective clothing, including hats with wide brims, long-sleeved shirts, and sunglasses.
- Sunscreen: Promote the use of broad-spectrum SPF 30+ sunscreen.
- Scheduling: Plan outdoor activities outside peak UV radiation times (10 am - 4 pm) whenever possible.
- Parents are encouraged to apply sun cream to their children before coming to school. Factor 30+ sun screen is recommended.
- On hot days, teachers will create through drafts by opening as many windows as possible and, if necessary, relocate to cooler teaching spaces. Children and staff are encouraged to drink regularly during the day but, during, hot sunny weather, particular care will be taken to remind them of the need to drink plenty of water.

## 4. Education and Awareness

- Curriculum Integration: Include sun safety education in the school curriculum to teach students about the importance of sun protection; raising awareness of the dangers of excessive sun exposure
- Communication: Use newsletters, school websites, and assemblies to communicate sun safety messages.
- Protect staff and pupils from excessive sun exposure; seeking shade whenever possible, particularly in the middle of the day, and use shady areas during breaks, lunchtimes, sports and trips.
- Encourage staff and parents to act as good role models by practising sun safety.

## 5. Collaboration

- Parents and Community: Work with parents and the local community to reinforce sun safety messages and practices.

- Health Services: Collaborate with local health services to provide resources and support for sun safety initiatives.

6. Monitoring and Review

- Policy Review: Review and update the sun safety policy to ensure its effectiveness and relevance.
- Feedback: Gather feedback from students, staff, and parents to improve the policy.

7. Responsibilities

- Staff: Ensure that sun safety measures are implemented and followed during school hours.
- Students: Follow sun safety guidelines and participate in sun safety education.
- Parents: Support the school's sun safety measures and ensure their children come to school with appropriate sun protection.

Policy Approved by...*Pembroke Governing Body*.....Chair of Governors/Management Committee

Policy Implemented by .....*J.Wakley*.....Head teacher

Date of Review.....