

# PRIOR HEATH INFANT SCHOOL POLICY AND PROCEDURES STATEMENT

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**TITLE: Sun Safety Policy**

**DATE: June 2022**  
**REVIEW: June 2025**

**AGREED BY: Whole school staff and governors**

At Prior Heath Infant 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**

The following measures are in place:

- All pupils will have at least one sun awareness lesson per year.
- We will talk about how to be sun safe in assemblies during the summer term and at other times of the year as necessary.
- Parents will be sent information explaining what the school is doing about sun protection and how they can help.
- Pupils will be told about the importance of drinking more water when it is hot and will be encouraged to bring water to school and to make use of water coolers.
- We will regularly remind pupils, staff and parents about sun safety through emails, newsletters and letters regarding educational visits and activities for pupils.

## **PROTECTION**

We will provide an environment that enables pupils and staff to stay safe in the sun.

### **Protecting children outdoors**

- Staff will encourage pupils to use shady areas of the school and its grounds during breaks, lunch hours and sports activities.
- We will hold outdoor activities in areas of shade whenever possible.
- Children will be encouraged to spend time in the shade on hot/sunny days, shaded areas can be found on the school field.
- The outdoor covered areas will not be used if they become too hot.

### **Protecting children indoors**

- Windows will be opened as early as possible in the morning before children arrive and blinds will be kept down.
- The use of electric lighting will be kept to a minimum.
- Electrical equipment will be switched off when not in use.

## **Timetabling**

- If the sun is too hot, PE lessons or any outdoor lessons will be held indoors, will be held under shade or will have their time slot changed.

## **Clothing**

- We will actively encourage all pupils to wear a sun hat (ideally with a protective back flap) when playing outside. If children do not have a hat, they will play in a restricted area.
- Staff can wear hats when on outdoor duty or delivering lessons outdoors.
- Pupils can wear their PE kit during periods of hot weather. If they choose to wear a school shirt, they do not have to wear the school tie.
  
- We will encourage staff and parents to act as good role models by practising sun safety

## **Sunscreen**

- Parents are asked to apply all day sunscreen of factor 30 or above on their child before they come to school.
- We WILL NOT hold a stock of sunscreen in the school or apply sunscreen to children unless they have a medical condition. If a child with a medical condition does bring sunscreen to school, it must be clearly labelled with their name and will be stored in a secure area in the classroom.

Staff will be encouraged to wear sunscreen during PE, when delivering outdoor lessons or when they are on playground duty.

This policy has been written in conjunction with Cancer Research UK's guidelines for primary schools.

Review: This policy will be reviewed every 3 years.