



Stoke Park Nursery & Primary School

SunSmart Sun Protection Policy

At Stoke Park 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/carers to achieve this through:

SunSmart

SunSmart is the national skin cancer prevention campaign run by Cancer Research UK. The five SunSmart skin prevention messages can be promoted by using the **SMART** code:

Shade – children are encouraged to play in the shade when the risk of sunburn is high
Make sure you never burn
Always cover up – wear a t-shirt, hat and wraparound glasses
Remember children burn more easily
Then use at least factor 15 sunscreen

Education

We will talk about how to be SunSmart in circle time or assemblies at the start of the summer term and before the summer break

At the beginning of the summer term, parents and guardians will be sent this policy explaining what the school and nursery is doing about sun protection and how they can help

Information on sun safety will be discussed at staff meetings and information will be available in the staff room

Protection

Shade:

We encourage pupils to sit/play in the shade where it is available. We ensure that all children sit in the shade for at least ten minutes of their lunch time play.

Timetabling:

We try to schedule outside activities before 11.00am and after 3.00pm if appropriate. If this is unavoidable we ensure hats and sun cream are worn to prevent sunburn.

Children in the Early Years are encouraged to play outside under the canopies between 11.00am and 3.00pm.

Clothing:

Children are encouraged to wear hats that cover the ears, face and neck - We have got some hats in the Nursery to give to children who forget their own.

Staff are encouraged to lead by example and wear hats and suitable clothing when on playground duty and teaching outdoors.

Sunscreen:

Sunscreen use is encouraged during the summer at lunch breaks, during outside activities and on school trips.

It is the parent / carer's responsibility to apply sun cream to children attending the Nursery for half or part of the day. Under 5's attending a full day will have sunscreen re-applied if it has been provided by the parent / carer and a permission slip completed.

Older pupils may apply sunscreen themselves before going out to lunchtime play, providing the sunscreen is in a container labelled with the child's name.

We cannot supply sunscreen to all pupils on a daily basis, children are asked to bring their own.

Children at risk:

Children who are particularly fair skinned or red headed will be identified as being more at risk of sun burn. These children will be encouraged to drink plenty of water, spend longer periods of time in the shade and re-apply sun cream that they have brought into school from home.

This policy was developed in May 2010 and is reviewed annually

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