



Willow Farm Primary School

Sun Safety Policy

Signed: _____

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1. Policy Statement

Willow Farm Primary School is committed to ensuring that all children are protected from the harmful effects of the sun. We recognise the importance of outdoor learning and play; however, we also recognise the need to safeguard children from sunburn, dehydration, and heat-related illness. This policy sets out clear procedures to ensure a consistent, safe, and inclusive approach to sun protection for all children, including those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

2. Aims

- To safeguard the health and wellbeing of all children in warm weather.
- To reduce the risk of sunburn, heat exhaustion, and long-term skin damage.
- To promote independence in managing personal sun safety, appropriate to age and stage of development.
- To ensure staff follow safe and appropriate practices when supporting children.
- To work in partnership with parents to ensure consistent sun protection.
- To meet the requirements of the EYFS Statutory Framework (DfE, 2024) and Keeping Children Safe in Education (DfE, 2024).

3. Roles and Responsibilities

Staff will:

- Promote sun safety through daily routines and reminders.
- Encourage children to wear hats, drink water, and use sun protection.
- Support children with sun cream application where appropriate and necessary.
- Follow safeguarding and intimate care guidance when providing physical support.
- Ensure children have access to shade and regular hydration.
- Monitor children for signs of sunburn, dehydration, or heat-related illness.

Parents are expected to:

- Apply sun cream to their child before arrival at school.
- Provide a named bottle of sun cream for reapplication if needed.
- Provide a named sun hat and water bottle daily.
- Inform the school if they do not consent to staff supporting sun cream application.
- Inform staff of any allergies, sensitivities, or medical needs relating to sun exposure.

4. Procedures

Daily Sun Safety Practice

- Children will be encouraged to wear hats during outdoor play.
- Outdoor activities will make use of shaded areas wherever possible.
- Water will be freely available, and children encouraged to drink regularly.
- Staff will adapt activities during periods of high temperatures where necessary.

Sun Cream Application

Nursery and EYFS

- Staff will support children with applying sun cream, including direct application where required.
- Children will be encouraged to take part in the process to develop independence.

Key Stage 1 (Years 1–2)

- Children will be encouraged to apply their own sun cream.
- Staff will provide guidance, supervision, and direct application where needed.

Key Stage 2 (Years 3–6)

- Children are expected to apply their own sun cream independently.
- Staff will provide reminders and supervision.
- Support/direct application where required.

- Sun cream should be clearly labelled and stored safely.

5. SEND and Individual Needs

- The school recognises that some children may require additional support with sun safety.
- Individual needs may include sensory sensitivities, physical difficulties, or medical conditions.
- Reasonable adjustments may include:
 - Adult support beyond typical age expectations
 - Alternative sun protection such as UV clothing
 - Visual prompts or adapted routines
- Any support will be provided in a respectful, proportionate, and dignified manner.

6. Safeguarding and Dignity

- Staff will prioritise children's independence while ensuring safety.
- Any physical contact will be appropriate, necessary, and in line with the Intimate Care Policy.
- Two members of staff will be aware when direct application is being provided.
- Staff will never use personal mobile phones when supporting children.
- Any concerns regarding a child's wellbeing or physical condition will be reported in line with the Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.

7. Health and Safety

- Children will have continuous access to drinking water.
- Outdoor areas will be risk assessed during hot weather.
- Staff will monitor children for signs of heat-related illness.
- Sun cream products will be stored in accordance with safety guidance.

8. Monitoring and Review

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