



Rosh Pinah Primary School

Sun Safety Policy

Reviewed and Revised: July 2016
Due for ratification by Governing Body:

At Rosh Pinah the health and safety of our children and staff is of paramount importance. In order that all members of the school community can enjoy the summer weather safely the following measures will be implemented.

1. Education

a) All children and adults will be informed of the need to be sun aware through the PSHCE/Citizenship curriculum, assemblies, posters etc.

2. Protection

a) If the weather is sunny at lunch break we will try to limit the children's time in the direct sunlight to the minimum.

b) If there are shady areas in the playground (under trees, covered areas, shade from high buildings) we will encourage children to play/sit in these places, even if they are out of bounds at other times. Moveable benches will be placed in the shade.

c) We will also encourage them to wear named school caps for all break times and sports activities.

d) We will not arrange long outdoor gym and games sessions when it is very sunny and try to do sports in the morning session if appropriate.

e) We will always allow children to go indoors and have access to water if they wish. The children will have access to water during the school day.

f) We will seek medical help if a child is suffering from sunburn.

g) We will inform parents/carers of our Sun Safety Policy at the beginning of each school year and at the start of the Summer Term.

h) On our sports days and other outdoor events, we will provide shaded areas for children to sit where possible. Breaks will also be built into the programme for shelter and refreshment.

3. Parental Involvement

a) Parents will ensure that children wear school uniform shirts/dresses that cover their shoulders and upper arms at all times.

b) Parents will also send children to school with named school caps for all break times and sports activities.

c) Provide some extra drinking water in plastic bottle (named and not iced.)

d) Parents are encouraged to apply sunscreen and be made aware that sun screen needs to be at least factor 30 and preferably higher to offer adequate protection before the children leave for school in the morning.

4. Early Years Unit

We want all children and staff to enjoy their spending time outside safely without the risk of the harmful effects of the sun. Activities set up outdoors should be kept in the shade where possible and children encouraged to use shaded areas for their games.

- Children should be encouraged to wear hats with brims so that most of their face is shaded.

- Children must be provided with plenty of cool water *and encouraged to drink more than usual when conditions are hot. *The temperature of water supplied from the cold tap is adequate for this purpose.

- Children should be taught appropriately about the need for sun protection and its importance through discussion and topics.

In accordance with guidelines from the LEA, Unions and other agencies, staff will not apply sunscreen to pupils at school. This policy will be monitored and reviewed according to medical and educational advice.