

## Downs Way School Sun Safety Policy

Our School Sun Safety Policy aims to ensure that all pupils and staff are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays in sunlight.

To make sure that we all stay safe we will

- Educate pupils throughout the curriculum about the causes of skin damage and how to protect their skin
- Encourage pupils to wear clothes that provide good sun protection, and use sunscreen where appropriate
- Schedule outdoor activities at times other than the middle of the day when the sun's rays are at their most harmful
- Hold outdoor activities on areas of shade and encourage pupils to use shady areas during breaks, lunch-times, sports and trips.
- Discourage sunbathing
- Work towards increasing the provision of adequate shade for everybody
- Encourage staff and parents to act as good role models by practising sun safety
- Regularly remind pupils, staff and parents about sun safety through Circle Time discussions, posters, newsletters and parents meetings
- Invite relevant professionals (school nurses, health promotion specialists) to advise on sun safety
- Make sure the Sun Safety Policy is working by regularly monitoring the curriculum for opportunities through which to educate pupils about sun safety, assessing shade provision and reviewing the sun safety behaviour of pupils and staff (use of hats, shade etc.)

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