

Sun Safety Policy

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At Waverley Abbey Junior School the staff and the Local committee are fully aware of the dangers that over exposure to sunlight can have on the skin. We believe that helping children learn about sun safe practices will help to ensure their safety in the sun. The following statement sets out the main aspects of our policy to protect children.

As a school we:

- Develop awareness of sun safety delivered through the Personal, Health and Social Education and Citizenship curriculum for staff and children through the provision of information and available resources to teachers.
- Communicate expectations to parents through information via newsletter reminders, including relevant websites to visit, and information leaflets.
- Adopt rigorous procedures in line with this policy to protect children.
- Educate children through the curriculum, particularly P.S.H.C.E. and Science, about the causes of skin cancer and how to protect their skin.
- Encourage children and staff to wear clothes that provide good sun protection, particularly hats, and use sunscreens where appropriate.
- Try to schedule outdoor activities at times when the sun's rays are less harmful.
- Hold outdoor activities in areas of shade wherever possible and encourage children to use shady areas during breaks, lunch-hours, sports and trips.
- Discourage sunbathing.
- Work towards the provision of adequate shade wherever possible.
- Encourage staff and parents to act as good role models by practising sun safety.
- Regularly remind children, staff and parents about sun safety through newsletters, posters and activities.
- Encourage children to make their own informed decisions about how to keep safe in the sun.