



Redby Academy

Sun Protection Policy



Redby Academy believes in promoting Sun Safety to ensure that children and staff are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays in sunlight. Malignant melanoma, the most dangerous type of skin cancer in adults, is known to be caused by sunburn in childhood.

The main elements of this policy are:

- Partnership: working with parents/carers, governors, our school nurse and the wider community to reinforce awareness about sun safety and promote a healthy school.
- Education: learning about sun safety to increase knowledge and influence behaviour.
- Protection: providing an environment that enables pupils and staff to stay safe in the sun.

Partnership:

- Sun safety will be promoted through working with parents, governors and the wider community to improve our understanding and provision to avoid the harmful effects of too much exposure to ultraviolet light (UV).
- Staff should act as positive role models and set a good example by seeking out the shade whenever possible and wearing suitable clothing, hat and sunscreen.
- Relevant professionals (school nurses and health promotion officers) will be invited into the school periodically to advise the school on 'sun safety'.

Education:

- At appropriate times during the year children will be reminded through our assemblies about 'How to be Sun Safe'.
- The curriculum for KS1 year groups will include aspects of 'Sun Safety' annually.
- Parents will be asked, through letters/newsletters, to support this policy by encouraging their children to adopt the Sun Safe message and act as role models.
- Children will be encouraged to use the shaded areas of the school during playtimes.
- Children have free access to water at all times.

Clothing:

- The wearing of sun hats is encouraged during outdoor sessions.
- Children have the option of wearing sunglasses.
- Staff are encouraged to be good role models during outdoor sessions.

Sunscreen:

- It is parental responsibility to apply a reputable 12 hour sun cream to children before coming to school.
- Parents are encouraged to send sun cream of factor 25+ into school in a labelled bottle. Children will be encouraged to apply the sun cream themselves.

Drinking Water:

- Children are encouraged to increase their water intake in hot weather.
- They will be encouraged to drink water during break times and lunch times.
- It is parental responsibility to send a named water bottle to school every day.

This policy will be reviewed annually.

Signed _____ Date _____

Headteacher

Signed _____ Date _____

Vice Chair of Governors