



**The Bromley-Pensnett
Primary School**

Sun Protection Policy

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Signed:

Chair of Governors

We are aware that skin cancer is one of the most common cancers in the United Kingdom, that most skin cancers are caused by UV radiation from the sun and that sunburn in childhood can double the chance of skin cancer in later life.

We believe we have a duty to ensure the safety of pupils and school personnel from the harmful ultraviolet rays in sunlight during the school day by making them aware of the need of protection from the sun. We aim to develop a working and learning environment that will enable pupils and school personnel to stay safe in the sun.

Aims

- To create a working and learning environment that provides sun safety for pupils and school personnel.
- To ensure that pupils, school personnel and parents/carers are aware of the protection procedures for sun safety.

Responsibility for the Policy and Procedure

Role of the Governing Body

The Governing Body has:

- appointed a member of staff to be responsible for Health and Safety;
- delegated powers and responsibilities to the Headteacher to ensure all school personnel are aware of and comply with this policy and ensure that sun safety procedures are in place;
- provided funding for the purchase of adequate sun safety resources;
- responsibility for ensuring that the school complies with all equalities legislation;
- nominated a designated Equalities governor to ensure that appropriate action will be taken to deal with all prejudice related incidents or incidents which are a breach of this policy;

Role of the Headteacher

The Headteacher in collaboration with parents/carers and governors will ensure that:

- the length of time that pupils spend on outdoor activities is reasonable
- an amount of shade cover is available
- the kind of sun protection clothing that pupils and school personnel wear is appropriate
- both staff and pupils are aware of the correct use and the application of sunscreen
- an amount of curriculum time is given to sun safety
- the importance of sun safety is communicated via newsletters and the schools website to the wider school community
- school purchases adequate sun safety resources and keeps up to date with new developments and resources;

Role of School Personnel

School personnel must:

- comply with this policy;
- include sun safety into their curriculum planning;
- hold outdoor activities in shaded areas;
- encourage pupils to use shaded areas during breaktimes, lunchtimes, sporting activities and educational visits;
- encourage pupils to drink more water in hot weather and to wear appropriate clothing for sun protection
- encourage pupils to apply sunscreen before they come to school;
- lead by example and wear appropriate clothing for sun protection

Role of Parents/Carers

Parents/Carers must:

- be aware of this policy;
- provide appropriate sun protection and clothing for their children, such as wide-brimmed or legionnaire style hats and school uniform tops that cover their shoulders;
- be encouraged to apply to their children high factor sunscreen before school;
- show their children how to apply sunscreen themselves during the school day;
- be encouraged to speak to their children about the importance of sun safety;
- support the school Code of Conduct and guidance necessary to ensure smooth running of the school

Role of Pupils

Pupils must:

- be aware of the importance of sun safety;
- wear sun protection head wear and clothing;
- be encouraged to use shady areas of the school grounds;
- bring to school their own clearly labelled water bottle and drink more water in hot weather;
- be able to apply high factor sunscreen;
- listen carefully to all instructions given by the teacher and ask for further help if they do not understand;
- support the school Code of Conduct and guidance necessary to ensure the smooth running of the school.

Monitoring the Effectiveness of the Policy

The practical application of this policy will be reviewed annually or when the need arises by the Headteacher.

Equality Impact Assessment

Under the Equality Act 2010 we have a duty not to discriminate against people on the basis of their age, disability, gender, gender identity, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

This policy has been equality impact assessed and we believe that it is in line with the Equality Act 2010 as it is fair, it does not prioritise or disadvantage any pupil and it helps to promote equality at this school.

