

Sun Protection Policy



**Date Agreed by Pupils and Curriculum
Committee: July 2017**
Date to be Reviewed: Every 3 Years

At Gallions Primary school we want staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this through:

EDUCATION – these measures are in place from this point onwards:

- We will talk about how to be Sun Smart in assemblies at the start of the summer term.
- Parents and carers will be sent a letter explaining what the school is doing about sun protection and how they can help at the beginning of the summer term. (see below for sample letter sent out in June 2017) See Appendix A
- Staff meetings and briefings will be called ahead of very hot days/ weeks (27 degrees plus) and teachers will be talked to about how to support their children and themselves through the day. This may include coming off the timetable in the afternoons and doing quieter activities, avoiding doing outdoor P.E. and making sure children drink regularly throughout the day.

PROTECTION – this is an ongoing process:

- Shade:
- We have constructed an all weather shelter in the main playground
- An all weather shelter exists between the Nursery and Reception outdoor play areas
- Children in the EYFS will always have an indoor space available for them to go into. They will be made to do this on very hot days.
- We will aim to increase the amount of shade with any grounds development work that takes place
- Y1 has a temporary shade and in the summer term a classroom will always be open during lunchtimes for children to shelter in.
- Activities should be set up in the shady areas whenever the weather is deemed to be 'dangerous'
- On hot days a 'hot play' rota will come into place. This will mean children are outside for only half an hour at a time. See Appendix B for example.

CLOTHING:

- We recommend staff wear appropriate clothing and sun hats during sports. This includes tops with shoulders covered and shoes which are tied securely to the feet.
- Sunscreen:
- **We cannot currently supply sunscreen to all pupils on a daily basis because of cost.**
- Sunscreen use will be encouraged on school trips and staff will be provided with extra sunscreen in case children forget their own.
- We will send letters home asking for children to bring sunscreen to school and they will be given time throughout the day to apply it. It is good practice for children to apply sunscreen to each other, rather than an adult applying the sunscreen.
- **Sun Protection Policy**
- Hydration:
- We have fitted 2 new water fountains into the KS2 playground and 1 into the EYFS and KS1 playground. Children can use this throughout the playtimes. All children will be provided with a water bottle in the summer term and this will be kept in school for the children to use in lesson time.

APPENDIX A – LETTER TO PARENTS



Hot summer days

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Luckily for us, the sun has finally made an appearance and I am sure that you will join us in hoping that this continues for the rest of this term and well into the next.

With the warm weather it is important to remind children about keeping themselves safe in the sunshine. As a school we will be opening up classrooms for the children to come into on hot days so that they can get away from the sun. We will also be installing more water fountains around the school over half term so that there is always plenty of water available to the children.

Please can you support us by:



- Ensuring that your child comes to school with a water bottle which they can drink from in lesson time. **(We will be providing every child with a reusable bottle as part of healthy eating week starting on the 12th June)**
- Providing your child with a hat to wear at playtimes
- Making sure your child always has school uniform which covers their shoulders and shoes which are attached securely to their feet.
- Applying sun cream before school. Children can reapply this themselves at lunchtime if you wish



Yours Sincerely,
Mrs R Walstone

Acting Head teacher

APPENDIX B – ‘HOT PLAY’ ROTA

Hot Play- Wings to be opened at certain times for children to be inside.

Year 1/2 playground to be shut the whole of lunch today

Yellow Wing- Children inside 12.00-12.30- Marupa, Sam W & Kerry

Red Wing- Children inside 12.00-12.30- Dawn & Poon

Green Wing- Children inside 12.00-12.30- Saira & Elvan

Blue Wing- Children inside 12.30-1.00- Dawn & Elvan

Lunch Times for Children- Classes to be taken to lunch by Jane

Reception - 11.30

Year 1- 11.40

Year 2- 11.50

Year 3- 12.00

Year 5- 12.15

Year 4- 12.30

Year 6- 12.45

Monitoring and evaluation

This policy needs to have regular evaluation and monitoring to ensure it is being implemented and is effective.

The senior management team will monitor the policy.

This Policy has been formally approved by the Governing Body of Gallions Primary School.

See minutes of __/__/__ Minute reference _____

Signed by:

_____ Chair of Governors Date: __/__/__ Sun Protection

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_____ Headteacher Date: __/__/__