

Chapmanslade

Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

Sun Protection Policy

At Chapmanslade School we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and 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 now on:

- All pupils will have at least one SunSmart lesson per year.
- We will talk about how to be SunSmart in assemblies at the start of the summer term and before summer break.
- Parents and guardians 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.
- Information on sun safety and guidance from Wiltshire Council will be provided in the staff room.

PROTECTION – this is an ongoing process.

Shade:

- When the sun is strong, we will encourage pupils to sit/play in the shade where it is available.
- The School has 6 gazebos with side panels that can be erected to create shade. These can be moved into a block of 2, 4 or 6 to create a larger area of shade.
- If it is too hot during play times, pupils will have indoor play. Wiltshire Council guidelines is no vigorous exercise above 30 degrees celsius.
- Benches and equipment will be moved to shady areas.

Timetabling:

- In the summer months we will aim to schedule outside activities, school trips and PE lessons before 11am and after 3pm if appropriate. If this is unavoidable, we will ensure hats, clothing and sunscreen are all worn to prevent sunburn.
- The School will follow any guidance given by Wiltshire Council, ie cancel sport, clubs and outdoor activities and closure of the school.

Clothing:

- When outside in sunny weather, children are encouraged to wear hats that cover the ears, face and neck.
- In long periods of hot, sunny weather pupils will be asked to wear PE kit to help keep them cooler.
- Pupils can wear UV protective sunglasses (optional).
- All teachers have agreed to wear hats when on playground duty and teaching outdoors on sunny days.

Sunscreen:

- Parents are asked to apply sun cream before school. Minimum of SPF15.
- Parents are asked to supply a named sun cream if their child requires it to be applied during the day. Minimum SPF15.

- Sunscreen use will be encouraged on days when the sun is strong during summer at lunch breaks, during PE lessons and on school trips. Extra sunscreen will be made available in case children forget their own.
- We cannot currently supply sunscreen to all pupils on a daily basis because of cost.

This policy was developed using the Cancer Research Sun Protection Policy Guidelines for Primary Schools.

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