

Broomfield House School

SUN SAFETY POLICY

This Policy, which applies to the whole school including the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS), is publicly available on the School website and upon request a copy, (which can be made available in large print or other accessible format if required), may be obtained from the School Office.

At Broomfield House School we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and want staff and children to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff and parents to achieve this through;

Education

- Sun safety is discussed with all children in an appropriate manner at the start of the summer term in one of our Wednesday morning assemblies.
- Early Years staff discuss sun safety with their children as part of their morning registration session on the same day.

Protection

- Sun safety is always considered when planning any outdoor activity.
- An audit is maintained of shade and sun exposure in the playground for children to ensure they do not spend more than 50% of their playtime in full sun on any one day. This audit is renewed every June.
- Parents are encouraged to buy their children a school legionnaires hat (compulsory in Early Years and Year 1) and for Year 2 and above the school baseball hat that can be purchased from the school uniform suppliers to wear at playtimes and at sports grounds. A limited number of spare caps are kept in the office & Nursery in the event that a child forgets theirs.

Parents are encouraged to apply sun cream before they send their children to school. If parents feel extra protection is required, a clearly named bottle of spray on or roll on sun cream (factor 50+) can be sent in to school. Staff will supervise the application of the cream prior to the child going out to play at lunchtime. We have a supply of Soltan Kids Moisturise and Protect 50+ Sun Cream which is kept in the School Office which will be used on an emergency basis only.

Each morning, a message will be written on the playground whiteboard telling the children if they need to wear their sunhats. The Government sun safety UV index scale will be used. If the levels are low (0-2) then sun hats will be optional. If the UV levels are 3 or above then sunhats will be compulsory.

To cool the children down, spray bottles containing water will be used as and when this is considered necessary.

At the start of the summer term an annual sun protection message is sent to parents to remind them of the need for increased awareness and protection at this time of year.

All children may bring a water bottle into school and are encouraged to drink from these at regular intervals.

Date: December 2018

Review Date: December 2019

Our School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our pupils and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. It is our aim that all pupils fulfil their potential.