



MORPETH FIRST SCHOOL SUN PROTECTION POLICY

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At Morpeth First 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 Sun Smart lesson per year.
- We will talk about how to be Sun Smart 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.

PROTECTION – this is an on-going process.

Shade:

- When the sun is strong we will encourage pupils to sit/play in the shade where it is available.
- We have canopies in Reception.
- In the summer months we will aim to schedule outside learning activities, school trips and PE lessons before 11am and after 2pm if appropriate. If this is unavoidable we will ensure hats, clothing and sunscreen are all worn to prevent sunburn.

Clothing:

- When outside in sunny weather, children are required to wear hats that cover the ears, face and neck.

Sunscreen:

- 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 will send a newsletter home asking for permission for pupils to apply sunscreen on days when the sun is strong during the summer months.

This policy was developed with the help of staff and pupils in May 2013. We will monitor our progress and review the policy annually.