



MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

SUN PROTECTION POLICY
WHITE CLIFFS PRIMARY COLLEGE FOR THE
ARTS

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At White Cliffs Primary College for the Arts we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and want staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely. We work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this through:

EDUCATION – these measures are in place:

- All pupils have at least one Sun Safety lesson per year.
- We talk about how to be ‘safe in the sun’ during allocated lesson time in the individual classes (for age appropriate advice) at the start of the summer term and before summer break.
- Parents and carers are 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 ongoing process

Shade:

- We encourage students to sit/play in the shade where it is available.

Timetabling:

- We schedule outside activities, school trips and PE lessons before 11am and after 3pm if appropriate. If this is unavoidable we ensure hats, clothing and sunscreen are all worn to prevent sunburn.
- Exposure time to the sun is kept to a minimum for activities such as play and lunch break.

Clothing:

- Children are required to wear hats that cover the ears, face and neck.
- Teachers also wear hats when on playground duty and teaching outdoors to protect themselves and to set a good example to the pupils.

Sunscreen:

- Sunscreen use is strongly encouraged during summer at lunch breaks, during PE lessons and on school trips.
- Staff are not allowed to apply sunscreen to the children but do advise children how to apply sunscreen lotion to themselves.
- It is the parents’ responsibility to provide their children with sunscreen which should be labelled with the child’s name.
- Children do not share their sunscreen with any other child.
- Regular reminders about sun safety are sent to parents/carers via the weekly ‘Primary Link’ newsletter.

Water:

- Fresh drinking water is available to children throughout the day in the classroom, the dining room and on the playground.
- Staff educate children about the importance of drinking fresh water, particularly during hot weather.

Where a child comes into college having being burned by the sun outside of school and, in need of medical attention, a Trained First Aider will assess the child’s needs and liaise with the child’s parent/carers in accordance with the College First Aid and/or DFAMAT Supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions.