



FARNWORTH CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUN SAFETY POLICY

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Farnworth Church of England Primary School believes that all children, regardless of ability and behaviour are valued equally. Groups of pupils (eg. SEND pupils, children in care, EAL pupils etc) are not viewed as separate but are part of the whole school approach. Different children's needs are recognised and met through varied and flexible provision and the use of different styles of teaching & learning throughout the curriculum. This policy therefore applies to all our children, regardless of their gender, faith, race, culture, family circumstances or sexuality.

Our Ethos

'At Farnworth, we all grow together and we all have a voice. As a faith community, we are inspired by God to be our best - to be good people who see and celebrate the goodness in others too. Our gifts and talents are nurtured and we are valued and cared for in a community filled with love and the hope that as followers of Jesus, we can bring his light to the world. Here we learn, laugh and love as our lives are shaped by our values, our faith and our experiences together - ready for the journey ahead.'

Farnworth Church of England Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of all children and expects all staff and volunteers to share in this commitment.



SUN SAFE SCHOOLS' SUN SAFETY POLICY

RATIONALE

Too much exposure to ultraviolet light (UV) radiation from the sun causes sunburn, skin damage and increases the risk of skin cancer. Sun exposure in the first 15 years of life contributes significantly to the lifetime risk of skin cancer. There is enormous potential for schools to help prevent skin cancer in future generations. Schools are central to protecting children's skin this is because:

- Children are at school five out of seven days a week at times when UV rays are high.
- Most damage due to sun exposure occurs during the school years.
- Schools can play a significant role in changing behaviours through role modelling and education.
- Students and teachers are at risk of sunburn within 10-15 minutes of being exposed to strong sunlight.
- Students spend an average of 1.5 hours outside per school day, more if involved in sports and outdoor activities.
- Skin cancer is largely preventable through behaviour modification and sun protection during early years.

The main elements of this policy are:

- Partnership: working with parents/carers, governors, the school health adviser and the wider community to reinforce awareness about sun safety and promote a healthy school.
- Education: learning about sun safety to increase knowledge and influence behaviour.
- Protection: providing an environment that enables pupils and staff to stay safe in the sun.

PARTNERSHIP

- Sun safety will be promoted through working with parents/carers, governors and the wider community to improve our understanding and provision to avoid the harmful effects of too much exposure to ultraviolet light (UV).



- Staff should act as positive role models and set a good example by seeking out the shade whenever possible and wearing suitable clothing and applying sunscreen. Staff will be encouraged to wear hats when in the sun for a sustained period e.g. sports' day.
- Relevant professional (school health adviser and health promotion officers) will be invited into the school periodically to advise the school on 'sun safety'.

EDUCATION

- At appropriate times during the year children will be reminded through our assemblies about 'How to be Sun Safe'.
- Parents and Carers will be asked through newsletters to support this policy by encouraging their children to adopt key safety messages and to act as role models.
- Children will be encouraged to use the shaded areas of the school during playtimes.

PROTECTION

Shade:

- The school playground has shade provided either by the school building, outdoor shelter(s), trees and we have temporary structures i.e. gazebos, etc for use on sports days and other outdoor events.
- Children will be encouraged to use the shaded areas of the school during playtimes when appropriate.

Clothing:

- The children will be encouraged to wear clothes that provide good sun protection.



- Parents / carers will be asked to supply their child/ren with legionnaire or bucket style hats to protect their face, ears and back of their neck.

Sunscreen:

- Parents / carers are expected to provide their child/ren with sunscreen (minimum SPF 30, with broad spectrum UVA protection) to apply themselves when appropriate and used on or off site for any prolonged outdoor school related activities.

Drinking Water:

- Children are encouraged to increase their water intake in hot weather and are encouraged to drink water during break times and lunch times. Every child should bring a water bottle to school every day.