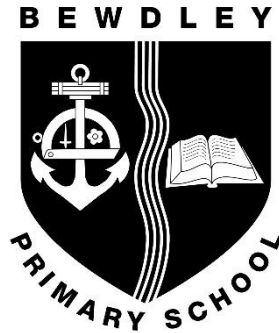


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Sun Protection Policy

Bewdley Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff, governors and volunteers to share this commitment.

RATIONAL: 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. Our policy and practice is based on the advice issued by Worcestershire County Council (June 2020)

The main elements of this policy are:

- **Partnership:** working with parents/carers, our school nurse 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 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 sunscreen.
- Relevant professionals will be invited into the school periodically to advise the school on 'sun safety'.

EDUCATION

- Annually, a special assembly will be dedicated to 'Sun Safety'. This will emphasise the 5 S's of Sun Safety including: SLIP SLOP SLAP SEEK SLIDE - to SLIP ON A T-SHIRT, SLOP ON THE SUNSCREEN, SLAP ON A HAT, SEEK SHADE, SLIDE ON SUNGLASSES
- At appropriate times during the year children will be reminded through our assemblies about 'How to be Sun Safe'
- The curriculum for all year groups will include aspects of 'Sun Safety' annually
- Parents and Guardians will be asked through letters/newsletters to support this policy by encouraging their children to adopt the Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide message and act as good role models
- Children will be encouraged to use the shaded areas of the school during playtimes and lunch times. If they are not able to do so, playtimes or lunchtimes may be curtailed outside and the children brought in

PROTECTION

Shade:

- The school outdoor areas have some shade provided either by the school building, outdoor shelter(s), trees and/or 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 and lunch times when appropriate. If this is not possible, they may need to be brought in early to avoid over-exposure
- Exposure to direct sunlight should be kept to a maximum of 30 minutes during lunchtime

Clothing:

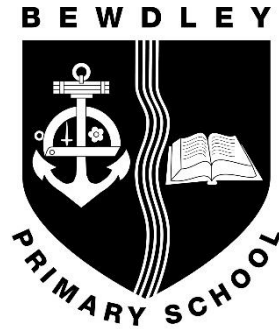
- The children will be encouraged to wear clothes that provide good sun protection.
- Parents/Carers to provide a hat/cap for their child. Hats/caps should remain in school at all times (during late Spring/Summer months) and be easily accessible

Sunscreen:

- The advice to parents is to apply a high protection (Factor 50/60) sunscreen to children before they leave home and that this should offer adequate protection (unless they go swimming or take showers) for the day.
- If you feel it is necessary for your child to reapply sunscreen during the school day, we ask that you provide a labelled bottle with your child's name/class, within a clear bag. This must then be passed to the class teacher upon arrival at school. Children will be expected to apply the sunscreen themselves and will not be allowed to share sunscreen with other children.
- In cases where children are unable to apply their sunscreen to the necessary level of protection, signed consent must be given to school so application can then be made by a member of staff – this will be the case particularly for children in Early Years. (Appendix A) or if there is a medical reason which impedes the child doing so themselves. Where staff agree to do this, they will do their best to ensure appropriate coverage but cannot be held responsible for any allergic reaction or missed areas on the body

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 as well as during lesson times. Every child should bring a water bottle to school every day, which they can refill as needed.



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Appendix A

Consent for the Application of Sunscreen during the school day

My child needs sunscreen reapplying during the day and I have completed a medical form

Tick as appropriate

a) My child is **able** to reapply sunscreen themselves

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b) My child is **not able** to reapply sunscreen themselves

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If b, I give permission for a member of staff to reapply the sunscreen I have provided (labelled with the child's name and class) during the school day

Signed:

Date:

Name of parent/carer:

Name of Child:

Class:

Please note that this form cannot be accepted without an appropriate medical form being completed (available from the school office) and staff cannot be held accountable for inaccurate application of the lotion