



Edenfield C E Primary School

Sun Protection Policy 2026

Edenfield C E Primary School acknowledges the importance of sun protection and would like staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely.

Schools are in an important position to help protect children's skin because:

- schools can play a significant role in changing behaviours through role modelling and education;
- children spend an average of 1 hour outside per school day – more, if involved in sports and outdoor activities;
- the development of skin cancer in later years is largely preventable through behaviour modification and sun protection during early years.

SUN PROTECTION MEASURES

School will undertake the following measures to ensure sufficient sun protection for children and staff:

Clothing

- Children and staff are encouraged to wear protective clothing during the summer term. School uniform is made from fabrics with a close weave, and includes polo shirts, longer style dresses and shorts. PE kit includes the requirement for t-shirts to be worn; no vest style tops are permitted.
- Children are asked to wear wide-brimmed hats (6 -10 cm) that protect their face, neck and ears, when they are outside in hot, sunny weather.

Sunscreen

- Covering up and seeking shade are the most important sun protection measures. In addition, sunscreen can provide protection to exposed skin. However, sunscreen should not be used to increase the amount of time spent in the sun.

- Pupils are encouraged to apply sunscreen before school starts – SPF 50 is recommended.
- Staff will **not** be able to apply sunscreen to pupils during the school day but may supervise self-application.

If you would like your child to re-apply sunscreen before lunchtime, please send SPF 50 (cream or roll on **NOT** spray) in a labelled plastic bag or packet. Please include your child's full name, date of birth and class on the label. Sunscreen sent without this information will not be used. In addition, please complete the attached consent form. Likewise, sunscreen will not be used without your written consent. The school encourages parents to teach children how to apply sunscreen independently. Teachers will supervise application carefully but will not apply this to pupils under any circumstances.

Shade

- School ensures that there are sufficient areas of shelter and tree cover to provide shade in the school grounds, particularly in areas where pupils congregate.
- The availability of shade is a consideration when planning excursions and outdoor activities, as part of the risk assessment process.
- Children are encouraged to make use of available shaded areas when outside.

The role of staff

School staff are encouraged to act as role models for sun safety by:

- Wearing protective hats and clothing when outside with children;
- Applying SPF 50 broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen;
- Seeking shade wherever possible;
- Where possible, scheduling outdoor activities before 11am or after 3pm;
- Encouraging parents to support the school by acting as role models and providing protection for their children.



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I have enclosed sun protection (SPF50) for my child Class in a clearly labelled bag / packet. The label states:

- My child's name
- My child's date of birth
- My child's class

I give consent for my child to re-apply this sun protection in school and confirm that they have practised how to do this properly at home. I understand that teachers or staff will not apply this sun protection for my child.

Signed: (parent / carer)

Please note that teachers will exercise their professional discretion when evaluating the need for sun protection.

