



Harbour View Federation

SUN SAFETY POLICY

Our vision statement

Harbour View Federation believes in Sun Safety to ensure that children and staff are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays in sunlight.

As part of the Sun Safety Policy our school will:

- educate children throughout the curriculum about the causes of skin cancer (where appropriate) and how to protect their skin;
- encourage children to wear clothes that provide good sun protections, and use sunscreens where appropriate;
- encourage children to drink plenty of fluids throughout the day;
- try to schedule outdoor activities at times other than the middle of the day when the sun's rays are most harmful;
- hold outdoor activities in areas of shade whenever possible, and encourage children to use shady areas during breaks, lunch-hours, sports and trips; sunbathing is definitely discouraged;
- work towards increasing the provision of adequate shade for everybody;
- encourage staff and parents/carers to act as good role models by practising sun safety;
- regularly remind children, staff and parents/carers about sun safety through newsletters, posters, parents' meetings and activities for pupils;
- invite relevant professionals (such as dermatologists, school nurses and health promotion officers) to advise the school on sun safety;
- make adjustments to the school uniform expectations during periods of hot weather;
- make sure the Sun Safety Policy is working. We will regularly monitor our curriculum, assess shade provision and review the sun safety behaviour of students and staff (use of hats, shade, etc.).