

Sun Safety Guidance

At Thorn Grove we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and want staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this through:

Education

- Staff will be educated about how to be Sun Smart
- All pupils will have at least one Sun Smart lesson per year.
- We will talk about how to be Sun Smart in assemblies at the start of the summer term and before summer break.

Protection From The Sun Outdoors

Shade

- When the sun is strong we will encourage pupils to sit/play in the shade where it is available, especially between peak times 11am-3pm
- Where possible, outdoor activities will take place in the shade

Clothing

- When outside in sunny weather, pupils are encouraged to wear labelled hats that cover the ears, face and neck.
- Pupils are allowed to wear UV protective sunglasses
- Staff will be encouraged to wear suitable hats and clothing when on playground duty and teaching outdoors on sunny days to reinforce the SunSmart message.

Sunscreen

- Sunscreen use will be encouraged on days where the sun is strong during summer at lunch breaks, during PE lessons and on school trips.
- We will ask parents to apply sunscreen to pupils before they come to school when the sun is strong during the summer months.
- Pupils will be asked to bring their own labelled bottle of sunscreen to stay in school.
- Pupils will be given time to reapply before lunch.
- Children in Nursery and Reception will be supported in applying sunscreen - however our aim is for them to apply independently.
- If no sunscreen is supplied, staff will limit your child's outdoor play for their own protection.

Protection From The Sun Indoors

- Windows and other ventilation openings will be opened during the cool early morning to allow stored heat to escape from the building.
- The use of electric lighting will be kept to a minimum during heatwaves.
- All electrical equipment, including computers and monitors will be switched off when not in use and won't be left in standby mode.

Maintaining Children's Health During Hot Weather Conditions

- Pupils will be encouraged to eat normally
- Pupils will be encouraged to bring their own labelled water bottle to school. They will be encouraged to drink plenty of water on hot days.
- Classroom layouts will be adjusted if necessary to avoid direct sunlight on pupils.