



WALTHAMSTOW HALL
SEVENOAKS

JUNIOR SCHOOL

SUN PROTECTION POLICY FOR THE EARLY YEARS FOUNDATION STAGE

At Walthamstow Hall we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and want pupils and staff to enjoy the sun safely. This policy has been written with reference to the Cancer Research UK Sun, Cancer and UV website at: <https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-cancer/causes-of-cancer/sun-uv-and-cancer> and the Cancer Research Sun Protection Policy guidelines for Primary Schools.

Education:

All pupils will be told about how to keep safe in the sun both during classroom time and in an assembly talk by the School Nurse at the start of the Summer Term. This will include the importance of increasing water intake during hot weather.

Protection:

We will encourage pupils to sit/play in the shade where it is available, to wear sun hats and to drink lots of water.

Timetabling:

Teachers will use their discretion about the amount of time young children will spend playing outside during the middle part of the day, depending on the weather.

Clothing:

In the Summer Term, pupils are required to wear School sun hats, when out in the sun. Staff should dress appropriately when out in the sun at School, to set a good example.

Sunscreen:

We will send letters home asking for parents to apply sunscreen at home during the Summer months and to ensure that their child brings their hat to School. See the Appendix.

Walthamstow Hall policies are approved, ratified and reviewed regularly by the Governing Body in the light of statutory requirements.

Revised: November 2023

Date of next review: November 2025

Signed:

.....Date: ...17 November 2023...

Mrs J Adams

Chairman of the Governing Board

SAMPLE Early Years School letter to parents

Dear Parents,

Now the Summer is approaching we would like to ask for your help in making sure your child is protected from the sun during the Summer months.

The sun's rays are particularly strong over the Summer and they can damage children's skin. This may not seem like a problem right now, but sadly it can lead to skin cancer in later life. Your child's health and well-being are very important to us.

We will:

- Discuss sun protection in our classes and advise your child about shady spots outside.
- Actively encourage your child to wear a School sun hat when they play outside.

We ask you to send your child to School wearing a School sun hat and to apply sunscreen in the morning of at least factor 15+, which is also labelled broad spectrum to protect from UVA and UVB rays.

Your support is very important. You can help by:

- Talking to your child about the importance of sun protection at home.
- Remembering to apply sunscreen in the morning and to send your child to Early Years with a School sun hat.

Assuming you give permission and send in named suncream, EYFS staff will apply suncream as required over the day.

Thank you for your help in this matter.