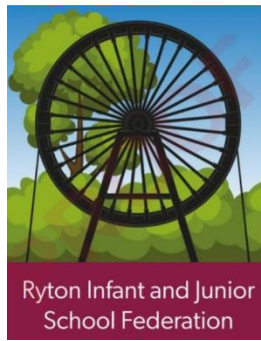


# Sun Safety Policy



At Ryton Federation School we want our pupils to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this through:

**Shade:**

- We have many established trees around our playgrounds which provide some shade from the sun and in nursery we have a covered area. At lunch and break times, in periods of intense sun, children will be encouraged to use these areas

**Clothing:**

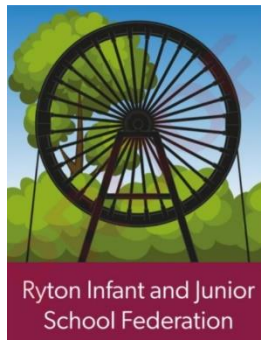
- Children will be encouraged to wear labelled sun hats.
- Teachers will demonstrate and encourage safe sun practice by wearing sunglasses/hats when on duty if practicable.

**Sunscreen:**

- Parents and carers will be encouraged to ensure that their child/children are protected by long lasting sunscreen each day before they arrive at school
- Sunscreen will be encouraged for all school trips and it will be expected that parents apply this to their child before leaving home in the morning.
- Parents are asked to send in sunscreen in labelled bottles, which children can manage to apply themselves. Roll on sunscreen is recommended. Staff will remind children before any outdoor activity to re-apply their sun cream.
- Parents will be made aware that sun screen needs to be at least factor 25 and preferably higher to offer adequate protection.
- In the situation where a child doesn't have sun cream or a hat with them, staff will make informed decisions
  - To apply sun cream to the child
  - Assess the situation and make a decision as to whether or not the child takes part in outdoor events. Parents who explicitly do not want their child to wear sunscreen provided by school should let the school office know

**Water Bottles:**

- All pupils are asked to bring water bottles to school every day, and to keep themselves well hydrated during the hot weather.
- Staff will remind pupils before any outdoor events to ensure they have their water bottles filled.



## **Communication**

- We will encourage our children to become 'sun safe' by teaching them at an early age how to protect themselves.
- Parents will be reminded of the importance of safety in the sun via Parentmail and publishing our Sun Safety policy on the website

## **Review and Monitoring**

- The Executive Head Teacher will review this policy every two years, and changes relating to any updated legislation will be made accordingly.
- The next scheduled review date for this policy is April 2023