



Witchampton CE VA First School Sun Safety Policy

Introduction

The long term damage that over exposure to the sun's rays can do to children's skins and health is now well documented.

Witchampton CE VA First School takes this seriously and works with parents to ensure we are helping children understand about the dangers of over exposure and preventing children from being over exposed whilst in our care.

We aim

- to prevent children from being out in the sun and getting either heat exhaustion or sun burn; and
- to teach children about the dangers of the Sun's rays.

Guidelines

- In the summer and early autumn term children will be encouraged to bring and wear hats to school for break times and when learning outside; preferably hats with neck protection.
- In the summer parents may wish to apply sun-cream before their child comes to school. Parents, according to the age and responsibility of the child, may also give their child a named bottle of sun-cream which they should leave in the school office. The children will be responsible for applying the cream; they will be told by their class teacher not to share their sun-cream.
- Children should take and use sun-cream and hats on school trips in the summer.
- Children working outside during lesson time in the summer will be encouraged to use the shaded areas.
- Children, as part of the PSHE and science curriculum on 'ourselves' and 'healthy living' will be taught about the dangers of over exposure to the sun.
- Children who suffer from hay fever, and need to take medicine, may do so under supervision of the school secretary Mrs Hopkins. Parents should complete a medicine form and give the tablets or eye-drops to the school office.