

Temple Meadow Primary School



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Primary School
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Sun Safety Policy

Safeguarding Policy Statement -

This policy is part of the wider umbrella of Keeping Children Safe in Education - and Temple Meadow's Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy.

Policy Ownership: SLT

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Statement of intent

At Temple Meadow Primary School we are committed to ensuring that we meet our health and safety obligations to staff and pupils, including during outdoor activities.

During summer months, there comes the possibility of heatwaves. In these cases, it is important to ensure rooms remain as cool as possible through the use of ventilation and cooling fans when necessary, and to utilise outside shade.

Overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation presents a severe risk to the health and wellbeing of our staff and pupils, with the potential to cause sunburn, blistering and sickness.

This policy outlines the framework in which our school will identify, manage and minimise the risks of UV rays to our staff and pupils. The procedures outlined within this policy should be adhered to by all staff members, pupils, parents and visitors whilst on the school premises or attending a school event.

Managing the Risk

Summer uniform

This information and reminders are routinely circulated to families via the school newsletter.

Pupils are encouraged to wear appropriate summer uniform during the warmer months in order to stay cool in the sun. Pupils are also encouraged to wear a suitable sun cap in school in order to provide protection from the sun when outside.

Summer footwear is permitted in school. Parents/Carers are encouraged to ensure pupils wear suitable footwear that aids comfort, without compromising the risk of injury; e.g. flip flops would not be considered safe or appropriate.

Sunglasses are not permitted in school.

Sun Cream

Parents/Carers are encouraged to ensure pupils have sun cream applied daily before attending school during summer months; particularly on days when the forecast suggest prolonged periods of sunshine. School staff do not provide or apply sun cream for pupils.

However, we make an exception for Early Years pupils as they spend a high proportion of their day outdoor learning during child-initiated play and taking part in forest school sessions. Pupils in Early Years are expected to bring in their own bottle of sun cream (preferably roll on and clearly labelled). Unfortunately, school adults will not be able to apply sun cream and therefore pupils need to be able to apply this themselves at school; this will require some practise at home doing this as part of independence and self-care.

Hydration

Parents/Carers are required to ensure pupils have a water bottle in school with them, daily in order to ensure they remain hydrated. Drinking water fountains are appropriately located around the school site, and accessible for all pupils.

Curriculum planning

Temple Meadow ensures a dynamic approach to risk assessing curriculum delivery. During warmer summer months, conditions for lesson delivery are continually assessed in order to mitigate prolonged periods of sun exposure, whilst also ensuring sufficient access to fresh air, room ventilation and outdoor lesson delivery, as appropriate.

Shade from the sun

In addition to the natural shaded areas around the site, Temple Meadow adopts the use of multiple gazebos in order to aid safe access to shade during summer events that require prolonged periods of outdoor activity, during potentially warmer sunny weather; e.g. Sports Day

Weather Conditions

Temple Meadow ensures a dynamic approach to risk assessing the delivery of any school-based events. During warmer summer months, conditions for scheduled events are continually assessed in order to mitigate prolonged periods of sun exposure. If in the event of such hazard being presented, school management would assess the feasibility of hosting the event; in order to ensure the safety of all participants.