

Temple Meadow 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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To Staff:	April 2026
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Statement of Intent

Temple Meadow Primary School is committed to ensuring the health, safety and wellbeing of all children and staff while in our care. This includes taking reasonable and proportionate steps to protect pupils from the risks associated with sun exposure, in line with **Department for Education (DfE) guidance**, Public Health advice and health and safety legislation.

Overexposure to the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation can cause serious short- and long-term health concerns, including sunburn, heat exhaustion, dehydration and an increased risk of skin cancer later in life. As a school that values outdoor learning, play and enrichment, Temple Meadow recognises the importance of balancing these benefits with effective sun safety measures.

This policy outlines the procedures the school follows to **identify, manage and minimise risks associated with sun exposure**, particularly during warmer months and periods of hot weather. The policy applies to **all staff, children, families, visitors and volunteers** while on the school site or attending school-organised events.

Managing the Risk

1. Summer Uniform and Protective Clothing

In line with DfE guidance, Temple Meadow encourages families to support sun-safe clothing choices during warmer weather.

- Loose-fitting school uniform that covers shoulders is encouraged where possible.
- Children are encouraged to bring and wear a suitable sun hat or cap when outdoors.

2. Sun Cream

In accordance with DfE and NHS advice:

- Families are asked to ensure that **sun cream is applied before school** during warmer months, particularly on days where there is prolonged sunshine forecast.
- School staff **do not routinely apply sun cream** to children.
- Families can choose to send their child to school with a labelled **roll-on sun cream only** for the child to re-apply themselves during the day. These must be handed to the class teacher to ensure that this is not shared with any other child.

3. Hydration

To reduce the risk of dehydration and heat-related illness:

- All children are required to bring a named water bottle to school daily.
- Drinking water is freely available through water fountains located across the school site.
- Regular water breaks are actively encouraged, particularly during warmer weather and physical activity.

4. Curriculum Planning and Outdoor Learning

Temple Meadow adopts a **dynamic and responsive approach to risk assessment** in line with DfE health and safety guidance.

- Staff continually review lesson delivery during warmer periods to reduce prolonged sun exposure.
- Outdoor learning remains an important part of the curriculum; however, activities may be adapted to:
 - Avoid peak UV times
 - Increase access to shade
 - Reduce strenuous activity in high temperatures
- Classrooms are ventilated appropriately and cooling fans may be used where necessary, in line with risk assessments.

5. Shade and Site Management

- Natural shaded areas across the school grounds are actively used during playtimes and outdoor learning.
- Staff supervise children to encourage sensible use of shade during hot weather.

6. Weather Conditions and Events

Temple Meadow carefully assesses weather conditions ahead of all outdoor events.

- During periods of high temperature or heatwave conditions, senior leaders will complete or review risk assessments.
- Planned events may be adapted, postponed or cancelled where weather conditions present an unacceptable risk to health and safety.
- Decisions are made in line with DfE guidance and communicated clearly to families.

Roles and Responsibilities

- **School Leadership Team:** Ensure procedures are in place, risk assessments are monitored and staff are supported.
- **Staff:** Follow this policy, model sun-safe behaviours and remain alert to signs of heat exhaustion or sunburn.
- **Families:** Support the school by providing appropriate clothing and water bottles. Families will also support school by applying sun cream before school.
- **Children:** Are encouraged to develop understanding of sun safety and take responsibility for hydration and protective behaviours.

Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed biennially or earlier if national guidance changes. Monitoring will include feedback from staff, families and governors, alongside risk assessment reviews during warmer periods.