

# BEREWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Sun Protection Policy

**Summer 2024**

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<b>Responsible Person</b>	Headteacher
<b>Responsible Committee</b>	Full governing body
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<b>Next Review</b>	Summer 2027



## **BEREWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **A distinctive vision**

At Berewood Primary School we see education as a journey of discovery to fire the imagination, to establish a sense of self, and to gain the confidence to take full part in the wider world.

### **An ethos of local partnership**

Berewood Primary School and the University of Chichester Academy Trust share the belief that education has the power to transform society. Our school is deeply rooted in its locality and encourages the involvement and interest of parents and the community, recognising that strong and vibrant communities have partnership and inclusion at their heart.

## **SUN PROTECTION POLICY**

### **Rationale**

At Berewood Primary School we want staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely. We believe that sun safety is important to ensure that pupils and staff are protected from sun damage and sunstroke. We will work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this by raising awareness and putting in place strategies and reviews to secure the well-being of the whole school community.

We will achieve this by implementing the following measures:

### **Curriculum:**

- We will talk about how to be safe in the sun in assemblies at the start of the summer term.
- The Berewood Bulletin will inform parents and carers of what the school is doing about sun protection and how they can help.
- Sun safety to be included in the curriculum.

## **Protection**

- Shade - children will be encouraged to sit in the shade in the playground and field.
- Sun shades outside classrooms and the playground sails are available for children to sit under on sunny days.
- Inside options for playtimes will be made available when the sunny weather is prolonged
- Children will be encouraged to keep hydrated by drinking water at all times, and on hot sunny days in particular.
- Timetabling of key events, such as sports day, is reviewed to avoid the midday sun
- PE lessons are held indoors, under shade, or have their time slots changed

The five key SunSmart skin cancer prevention messages are:

- Stay in the shade 11am -3pm
- Make sure you never burn
- Always cover up – wear a t-shirt, hat and wraparound sunglasses
- Remember children burn more easily
- Use factor 15+ sunscreen

## **Clothing**

- Children should bring sun hats to school to wear at playtimes and during outdoor PE lessons in the summer term.
- Children should wear T-shirts which cover their shoulders for PE lessons or long sleeves for playtime.
- All teachers, teaching assistants and lunch-time supervisors will be encouraged to wear hats when on playground duty and during sports lessons, when necessary.

## **Sun Screen**

- Sun screen use will be encouraged on school trips and for outdoor PE lessons.
- Where parents/carers have given permission, children may bring their own sun screen and apply it themselves.
- Children may only use their own sun screen.
- School staff will not apply sun screen to any children.
- Parents/carers are expected to apply sun screen before their children come into school in the morning and teach their children how to sensibly use and re-apply these Screens. If sent to school, sun screen will be clearly labelled and put inside the child's bag for their own use.
- Reminders to apply sunscreen, wear hats, sit in the shade and drink water are regularly given.

## **Collaboration**

The school will aim to work with parents, Governors and the wider community to reinforce awareness about sun safety and promote a healthy school.

This policy has been developed using the Cancer Research UK SunSmart Guidelines for Primary Schools.

## **Monitoring and Evaluation**

This policy will be reviewed by all staff and Governors as part of the 3 year policy review cycle