

# Sun Protection Policy

At The Willows Primary we want staff and children to enjoy the sun safely. We will work alongside staff and parents to achieve this through:

#### EDUCATION

- All children will have either a sun-smart storytime or a sun-smart lesson at the beginning of the summer term
- We will talk about how to be sun-smart in assemblies at the start of the summer term and some of the younger children will paint pictures to re-enforce the sun protection messages.
- Parents and guardians will be sent information in a newsletter explaining what the school is doing about sun protection and how they can help.

#### PROTECTION

- The trees on the playgrounds and field offer protection from the sun and children will be encouraged to play in these shaded areas during break and lunch times during the summer.
- There is a shaded canopy in the Foundation Stage outdoor play area which can be used by both parents and children.
- Children will be encouraged to drink plenty of water on hot days and will be able to bring in their own clearly labelled water bottles to take outside with them (except nursery children).

#### CLOTHING

- All children are strongly advised to wear a hat when playing outside on sunny days.

#### SUNSCREEN

- Pupils need to come into school on potentially sunny days with sunscreen already applied.
- On occasions of extremely hot weather we also encourage all pupils to bring their own clearly labelled bottle of factor 15+ sunscreen and staff are happy to supervise the children when applying their own sunscreen. Because of children who suffer from allergies, children will not be allowed to share sunscreen.
- Sunscreen use will be encouraged on school trips and staff will be provided with extra sunscreen in case children forget their own.