



Branton Community Primary School Breamish Valley Community Nursery

Sunsmart Sun protection Policy

At Branton School we want the staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this through:

EDUCATION

- All pupils will have at least one Sun Smart lesson per year.
- We will talk about how to be Sun Smart in assemblies at the start of the school summer term.
- Parents and guardians will be sent a letter explaining the sun smart protection policy and how they can help at the beginning of the summer term.
- Children will be reminded on a regular basis about the use of sunhats and sunscreen before playtimes and lunchtimes.

PROTECTION

- Children will be encouraged to use the available shade of the building, playground and other outside areas.
- Storytime/Early Years play activities will only take place outside if children are protected from the sun.

TIMETABLING

- Outdoor P.E lessons will take place between 2.00pm to 3.00pm to ensure protection from the midday sun.

CLOTHING

- Children will wear sun hats at playtimes, lunchtimes, during school trips and outdoor P.E. lessons during the summer months
- Children will be asked to wear clothing that covers their shoulders rather than vest tops

- Parents/guardians will be asked to supply sunhats for their child/children
- The PTA 'Friends of Branton First School' will be asked to fund a set of sunhats and legionnaires hats to keep in school

SUNSCREEN

- Parents/guardians are requested to apply sunscreen to their children before they come to school.
- Parents/guardians will be requested by letter to give their permission for children to apply sunscreen during the summer months.
- Sunscreen will be provided by school for outdoor activities and school trips if children have forgotten to bring their own.

KEEPING HYDRATED

- Children will be encouraged to drink lots of water to continually re-hydrate themselves.
- All children have free access to the water cooler.
- At lunchtimes children will be encouraged to drink water with their meal.
- At lunchtimes children will be encouraged to play a mixture of quiet sitting down games as well as more active ones.

COLLABORATION

- The school will aim to work with children, Parents/guardians and Governors to reinforce awareness about sun safety and promote a healthy school.

This policy has been developed using the Cancer Research UK Sun Smart Guidelines for Primary schools. (www.sunsmart.org.uk)

This policy will be reviewed annually

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Next review due Feb 2019