

# Sun Safety Policy



For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11

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## **Mission Statement of Nutgrove Methodist Primary School**

Nutgrove Methodist Primary School strives to provide a caring environment in which every individual can achieve his or her full potential, without limits.

This is encompassed by our Bible verse For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11.

To achieve this, we wish to create a happy, secure and purposeful culture throughout the school, which is conducive to learning and high standards, and is based on our Christian values, love, hope and respect.

Our school's motto and vision is 'My Best, Always, Everywhere' which is interwoven within our curriculum intent and design.

## **Safeguarding Statement**

At Nutgrove Methodist Primary School we recognise our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all children.

We work to provide a safe and welcoming environment where children are respected and valued. We are alert to the signs of abuse and neglect and follow our procedures to ensure that children receive effective support, protection and justice.

The procedures contained in the Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy apply to all staff, volunteers and governors.

## Aims

The aim of this sun safety policy is to protect children and staff from skin damage caused by the effects of ultraviolet radiation from the sun. The success of this health promotion programme will be more successful when an integrated whole school approach is adopted.

The main elements of this policy are:

- protection: providing an environment that enables pupils and staff to stay safe in the sun.
- education: learning about sun safety to increase knowledge and influence behaviour.
- partnership: working with parents/carers, governors, our school nurse and the wider community to reinforce awareness about sun safety and promote a healthy school.

*This school believes in Sun Safety*

To ensure that children and staff are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays in sunlight.

As part of the Sun Safety policy, our school will:

- educate children throughout the curriculum about the causes of skin cancer and how to protect their skin;
  - encourage children to wear clothes that provide good sun protection.
  - hold outdoor activities in areas of shade whenever possible, and encourage children to use shady areas during breaks, lunch-hours, sports and trips. Sunbathing is definitely discouraged.
  - work towards increasing the provision of adequate shade for everybody.
  - encourage staff and parents to act as good role models by practising sun safety;
  - regularly remind children, staff and parents about sun safety through newsletters, posters, parents meetings, and activities for pupils.
  - invite relevant professional (school nurses and health promotion officers\_ to advise the school on sun safety'
  - make sure the Sun Safety Policy is working. We will regularly monitor our curriculum, assess shade provision, and review the sun safety behaviour of our young people and staff (use of hats, shade etc).
- Suggestions to help cope with hot weather
- Pupils to wear sun hats when outside.
  - Pupils should wear sun cream.
  - Teachers should encourage pupils to drink water and ensure there are regular breaks for them to do so.
  - Sunscreen is the last line of defence. A factor 50+ should be applied to exposed areas of skin at home by parents/carers prior to the school day.
  - Sunscreen is not to be applied by school staff.