

NEWLANDS PRIMARY ACADEMY



Suncream Policy

Summer 2026

Revised by School	Summer 2026
Responsible Person	Headteacher
Responsible Committee	Full governing body
Ratified by GB	Summer 2026
Next Review	Summer 2027



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1. Purpose

To ensure all pupils are protected from harmful effects of sun exposure, including sunburn and long-term skin damage, while enabling safe outdoor play and learning.

2. Scope

Applies to:

- All pupils
- Staff and volunteers
- On-site and off-site activities (e.g. trips, sports days)

3. Key Principles

- Schools have a duty of care for pupil wellbeing.
- Sun safety is part of health and safety and safeguarding.
- Encouraging independence (age-appropriate self-application).
- Ensuring inclusion for children who require support.

4. Expectations for Parents/Carers

- Apply long-lasting SPF 30 or higher suncream before school (SPF 50 recommended).
- Provide an unopened, named bottle of suncream if reapplication is needed during the day - this needs to be given to the school office so that permissions can be checked ahead of it being in the classroom.
- Ensure products are suitable for their child's skin (including allergies).
- Remind children that they are not allowed to share their suncream with others.
- Ensure children bring:
 - A sun hat
 - Water bottle

5. School Responsibilities

The school will:

- Encourage outdoor activity with appropriate sun safety measures.
- Provide shade where possible (trees, shelters, indoor options).
- Remind pupils to:
 - Wear hats

- Seek shade
- Stay hydrated
- Support younger children with reminders or supervision for reapplication where appropriate, in line with permissions.
- Include sun safety in PSHE/health education.

6. Application of Suncream

- Pupils should apply their own suncream wherever possible.
- Staff should not routinely apply suncream unless:
 - There is a medical need, OR
 - The child is unable to apply it independently and parental permission is in place on Arbor.
- Where staff assist:
 - Another adult should be present to ensure our safeguarding policy is followed
 - Gloves are not required but hands should be cleaned before/after

7. Safeguarding & Allergies

- Parents must inform school of all skin conditions or allergies.
- Only suncream provided by parents will be used.
- Shared suncream is not allowed.

8. High UV / Hot Weather Procedures

During high temperatures or high UV (typically April–September in the UK):

- Modify outdoor activities (avoid midday sun without shade where possible)
- Encourage use of shaded areas
- Increase hydration breaks
- Consider indoor alternatives during peak UV based on weather guidance to schools

9. Educational Visits

- Sun safety will be included in standard operating procedures.
- Staff will ensure:
 - Suncream is available when provided by parents
 - Regular reminders are given
 - Hats and water are used appropriately

10. Monitoring and Review

- Policy reviewed annually or in response to updated health guidance.
- Staff feedback and incident reports will inform updates.