

# Meppershall Church of England Academy

## SUN PROTECTION POLICY

<b>Date adopted by the Academy</b>	June 2025
<b>Date to be reviewed</b>	June 2027
<b>Responsible member</b>	SLT

At Meppershall Academy and Preschool we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and we want staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely and spending time outside without the risk of harmful effects of the sun.

Parents will be asked to apply waterproof sunscreen for the children at the beginning of each day.

Activities set up outside will be kept in the shade where possible and children encouraged to use shaded areas for their games.

Children should be dressed in their appropriate school uniform and encouraged to wear sun hats.

Parents are responsible for applying sunscreen before they come into school. Please ensure that all exposed parts of the body has sunscreen applied.

All children should wear sunscreen. Parents whose children are allergic to sunscreen should either try to find an alternative or ensure that their child is adequately covered with long sleeved, long legged clothing.

Please ensure the sunscreen is waterproof as the children may have the opportunity to play with water during hot periods of the day. It is also important that children are provided with a water bottle every day which can be replenished throughout the day in school.

Dear Parents & Carers

Now the summer term has started, we want to make you aware about our Sun Protection Policy. Our main aim is to educate the children about sun safety and the importance of re-applying it during the day. We will also look at promoting other ways to stay safe, for example: wearing sun hats, sun glasses, drinking water and staying in the shade.

With the warmer weather it is important to remind children about keeping themselves safe in the sunshine.

Please support us by providing:

- Providing your child with a sun hat which is clearly named
- Make sure that waterproof sunscreen is applied before they arrive at school or preschool.
- Ensure that your child brings in a named water bottle every day

The school will not be held responsible for any child who, despite our best efforts, gets sunburnt.

Our children's safety is very important to us and working together we can make sure they are all protected when out in the sunny weather.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation and support.