

Lacey Green Primary Academy

Sun Safety Guidance



February 2026

At Lacey Green, we want our pupils, staff, parents and carers to enjoy the sun safely through the following:

- Protection: Providing an environment that enables children and staff to stay safe in the sun.
- Education: Learning about sun safety to increase knowledge
- Collaboration: Working with parents to reinforce awareness about sun safety.

Lacey Green Sun Protection Measures

Shade

We ensure that there are sufficient areas of shelter and tree cover to provide shade in the school grounds, particularly in areas where pupils congregate.

The availability of shade is a consideration when planning excursions and outdoor activities, as part of the risk assessment process. Children are encouraged to make use of available shaded areas when outside.

Clothing

- Children are encouraged to wear protective clothing during the summer term. Ideally clothing should cover as much skin as possible, and shoulders should always be covered.
- Children are encouraged to wear a sunhat – please ensure it is named.
- Please avoid sending your child to school in sunglasses – a good hat will provide adequate protection.
- On very hot days we limit the time children are outside, especially during the hottest parts of the day. This is particularly important for our youngest children – timetables are adapted so they are outside more in the morning and play inside during particularly hot parts of the day. PE and Sport is postponed when required due to the heat.

Sunscreen

- It is the **parents' responsibility** to apply a long-lasting sun screen in the morning before sending their child to school. Ideally use a sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 30 or above with at least 4-star UVA protection.
- Teach your child to apply their own sunscreen. Not only will this help your child at school- it will also encourage them to be more independent.
- If you would like your child to administer sunscreen during the day, children can bring sunscreen to school in **a roll-on bottle only**. They will be encouraged to apply it if they are outside for a long period of time and if the weather is very hot. **Sun screen must be in a roll-on bottle. Please make sure your child's name is on the bottle.** If your preferred lotion isn't available in a bottle, there are roll-on sunscreen applicators your sunscreen can be transferred to such as [Solar Buddies](#).

Please note that staff will not be able to apply sunscreen. Sunscreen **cannot be shared**. Your child will need to apply their sunscreen **independently** and it will be their choice to do so once they have been reminded.

Water Bottles

Children must bring named water bottles to school and these can be refilled during the day. If your child doesn't bring their own water bottle, there will be numerous opportunities for them to stay hydrated. Please label your child's water bottle.