



## **CROSS-CAMPUS SUN SAFETY POLICY**

The sun in Thailand can be very strong and do a lot of damage even on days when it appears to be overcast and even rainy.

The following guidelines are enforced more stringently in the primary school where the students skin is more susceptible to sun damage.

- Where possible, outdoor activities (those outside of the academic curriculum) are to be scheduled outside peak UV times of 10am – 2pm and are kept short if in the sun.
- The school community is committed to ensuring that shade is available near areas where students gather – such as eating, outdoor teaching and popular play areas.
- Students are encouraged to use the shade available when outside.
- The availability of shade is considered when planning all outdoor activities and excursions.
- Covered alternatives to outdoor areas such as the atrium and the mezzanine floor are available for student use outside of teaching times.
- Covered walkways are used for transit between teaching areas.
- EY & Primary students are to wear Bromsgrove “sun-safe” hats that protect the face, neck and ears when outside.
- Students who do not have a sun-safe hat are asked to play in the shade or a suitable area protected from the sun.
- During outdoor PE lessons, where appropriate, all students are required to wear a cap. (Secondary students should bring and wear a plain cap). Staff should model good practice.
- Where possible, SPF 30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen is available for staff and students.
- We encourage the use of sunscreen.
- Where possible, we apply sunscreen at least 20 minutes before going outdoors.
- Students and teachers are encouraged to reapply sunscreen every 2 hours when outdoors for extended periods.
- Staff and students are encouraged to wear close-fitting wrap-around sunglasses that cover as much of the eye area as possible

It is important that these points are taken with due consideration by members of staff. In respect to this we recommend that outdoor play for younger students is restricted dependent on temperatures.

Our youngest students should have reduced time in outdoor areas should temperatures exceed 35°C. At temperatures above 37°C outdoor activities should be carefully monitored and reduced to avoid risks of dehydration and sun-stroke for most students but particularly our younger more vulnerable students.