

## Eloughton Community Primary School – Weather Guidance for Staff and Parents

Due to the erratic nature of the English weather parents and staff need to be aware of the changing conditions, often on a daily basis, of the weather.

All our pupils will spend time outside all year round. This forms part of the National Curriculum across most subjects and is a legal duty on the school to provide such activities to best meet the needs of the pupils. This is particularly the case in the Early Years of education. Therefore by working together parents and staff can ensure that your child is best prepared for any activity it will complete either inside or outside of the building at any time of the year.

The legalities of staff not administering any medicine / medication in school means the responsibility is the parents to ensure their child can partake in all activities unless there are medical reasons for them not doing so. This must have a letter from the doctor to ascertain the needs of the child. Sun screen comes under the category of medication.

### Cold Weather Provision

Children will play outside at lunchtime / playtimes and for games on cold days unless it is extremely wet and unsafe for them to do so. The school has a small amount of wet weather clothing which will be loaned to your child if they do not have any. This will then be sent home for cleaning and should be returned to school for other children's use. Therefore they will need:

- Clothes for P.E. (see Dress Code)
- Wellington boots
- A waterproof coat / jacket – a hood would be useful
- Hat, scarf and gloves/ mittens
- Warm socks

### Hot Weather Provision

- A coat / jacket in case the weather changes
- Outdoor shoes with backs
- A cotton tee-shirt or polo shirt or school coloured summer dress
- A long sleeved cotton tee-shirt or shirt to cover arms (if the parent requires)
- A hat – one that covers the back of the neck is best
- Their water bottle

## The Use of Sun Cream

Sun screen cannot be administered by staff at school. The child may apply it themselves but parents must leave a named bottle at the office. Staff will supervise children applying their own sun screen. This cannot be given to another child without that child's parent's permission due to possible allergic reactions.

The all day sun screen, put on your child at home before coming to school would be a suitable alternative to this. Please remember a sun hat will still be required.

## Elloughton School Staff will:

- Endeavour to bring children into school for periods of time in the shade.
- Deliver lessons to ensure that children are "sun aware."
- Encourage children to drink water throughout the day.
- Provide facilities, when very cold, for children to remain indoors for part of the lunch break.