



Sun Protection Policy

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RATIONALE

Skin cancer is one of the most common cancers in the UK and numbers of cases is still rising. Because many cancers result from sun damage acquired during childhood it is important to reduce the exposure to the most dangerous sunshine hours in the summer months.

Amberley Primary School 'Sun Protection Policy' works best if it is carried out in consultation with the whole school community.

PURPOSES

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines and good practice to limit pupil's exposure to potentially harmful rays.

- **EDUCATION:** learning about sun safety to increase knowledge and influence behaviour.
- **PROTECTION:** providing an environment that enables pupils and staff to stay safe in the sun.
- **COLLABORATION:** working with parents, governors and the wider community to reinforce awareness about sun safety and promote a healthy school.

Education

- All pupils will be informed of and educated in the need to be sun smart.
- Awareness of how to be sun smart will be presented in assemblies at the start of the summer term.

Protection

- Encourage children to play in shaded areas either permanent such as the outdoor classroom or temporary such as gazebos.
- Provide seats and equipment in shaded areas, where possible.
- Organise activities making use of shade
- Staff and pupils are encouraged to wear hats when outside.
- Staff and pupils are encouraged to wear tops that cover their shoulders and upper arms.
- Make parents aware that they are responsible for applying sun cream before coming into school
- Children have access to drinking water at all times, e.g. personal water bottles in order to remain hydrated.

Sunscreen

- Sun screen use will be encouraged on days when the sun is strong during summer at lunch breaks, during PE lessons and on school trips. Extra sunscreen will be made available in case children forget their own. The minimum recommended is factor 30.
- Parents are responsible for applying sun screen to their child before school. Parents and carers will be reminded via Twitter & Parentmail about being sun smart – applying sun

screen before school, bring in a hat, water bottle, bearing in mind weather conditions may change throughout the day.

- School will send a letter home asking for permission for pupils to apply sunscreen on days when the sun is strong during the summer months. Teachers will model how to apply. It is the parent's responsibility to inform school of any allergies what would prevent/limit the use of sun screen.
- School will maintain an emergency stock of spare sunscreen for those pupils who have forgotten. We cannot supply sunscreen to all pupils on a daily basis because of cost.
- This policy will be reviewed every 2 years or sooner as required.

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