

SUN PROTECTION POLICY

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Reviewed by: First Aid Lead

INTRODUCTION

The School's mission is to identify and develop to the full the natural talents and potential of each individual pupil and to prepare them all for a full, happy, healthy, active and productive life.

EDUCATION

Staff will explain to pupils why they must wear a hat and sunscreen when playing outdoors. Staff are also encouraged to role model by wearing hats and sunscreen themselves.

In the Early Years, each class will discuss keeping safe in the sun.

On occasion, parents may be sent a letter reminding and explaining what the School does about sun protection and what pupils should bring to school. They will be reminded that on sunny days, they must ensure that their child has sunscreen thoroughly applied before arriving at school in the morning.

PROTECTION

Clothing:

Pupils should have a sun hat at school. These should either be the official school hat or, in the Early Years, a hat with a brim. School will have a limited number of sunhats available if anyone has forgotten or lost theirs.

Sunscreen:

Pupils should apply sunscreen before coming into school each morning and will need to bring in their own clearly labelled bottle of sunscreen to top up during the day. (This should be a high-quality sun cream – minimum SPF30+ with broad spectrum 4* UVA and UBA protection.) They may apply this to themselves under the supervision of an adult. Adults should not assist pupils in this, except in exceptional medical circumstances which are agreed by the Headmistress. An adult should never be alone with a child when assisting such a child.

• Shade:

Gazebos may be set up in the playground/decking to provide a shaded area. Pupils can rest or play in this area or other shady areas; under the playhouse or in the beach huts.

• Water:

Pupils are encouraged to bring water bottles into the playground at break times and they can top up in classrooms or at the water fountain in the playground. Pupils are required to bring their own water bottle to school each day.

• Sunglasses:

Pupils may only wear sunglasses outside.