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| Stanton St Quintin Primary School, Stanton St Quintin, Wiltshire. SN14 6DQ | | | |
| Name of Policy | Sun Protection Policy | | |
| Last Reviewed | May 2016 | Reviewed by | FGB |
| Approved by | FGB | Owned by | P&S |
| Next review | May 2019 | | |

Background

Skin cancer is one of the most common cancers the UK with incidence of malignant melanoma (the most dangerous form of skin cancer) trebling in 15-24 years olds over the last 25 years. Up to 80% of these cases could be prevented by taking adequate measures to protect from the sun. Embedding sun safety at an early age is essential prevention. Sunburn when young can double the risk of skin cancer later in life. Children are at school during the peak UV hours of 11-3pm, thus making sun protection at school vitally important.

Aim

This policy has been drawn up with the intention of embedding all who work at Stanton School (children and staff) to enjoy the sun safely.

Education

- At the start of the summer term children will have an assembly on the importance of sun protection.
- Parents will be informed though newsletters, what the school is doing about sun protection and how they can help at the beginning of the summer term.
- Staff will be given advice on sun protection so that a whole school approach is achieved.
- Children will receive at least one lesson on sun protection during the two year PSHE programme.

Protection

- Windows have been fitted with curtains or blinds.
- This site has natural shaded areas, the wild area, sycamore tree etc, plus Khoala – outdoor classroom that provides shade for children to spend breaks and lunchtimes outside. In outdoor canopy between Rhine and Amazon Class also provides shade during breaktimes.
- Children are advised to apply factor 30+ sunscreen and to wear a wide-brimmed (or legionnaire style) hat when outside at break, lunchtime and during outdoor curricular learning. (N.B. Baseball caps offer some protection but are not ideal as they leave the neck exposed).

Outdoor activities/visits and P.E. Lessons

- Children are encouraged to apply factor 30+ sunscreen for all outdoor trips and activities, such as PE lessons and outdoor curricular learning.
- Children are encouraged to wear wide-brimmed hats when outside and other appropriate times, such as being a spectator at Sports Day, or doing outdoor learning.
- Staff are encouraged to lead by example and apply factor 30+ sunscreen and wear a wide-brimmed hat when working outside.

Review arrangements

The school will invite feedback on the review of this practice through parent consultation and implement suggestions.

This policy is aligned with the principles set out in the school's Child Protection policy and should not contradict these principles.