



## **Statutory/non Statutory Policy**

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### **Sun Protection/Heat Wave – Student Protection**

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## **Introduction**

Our sun protection policy is developed with the whole school community in mind. Our policy incorporates the following elements which are key to safety in the sun:

**PROTECTION:** providing an environment that enables students and staff to stay safe in the sun.

**EDUCATION:** learning about sun safety to increase knowledge and influence behaviour.

**COLLABORATION:** working with parents, governors and the wider community to reinforce awareness about sun safety and promote a healthy school.

Our school policy is revised and updated every year. By monitoring and evaluating our policy on an on-going basis we will ensure that we make effective changes in the future.

Parents will be informed, via school letter of the following: (appendix a)

### **Sun Protection**

- All teachers are aware of the importance of sun protection.
- Sun protection is actively promoted to students via assemblies.
- Parents are informed of the importance of sun protection via information/letters sent home.
- When the sun is strong we will encourage students to sit in the shade where it is available.

### **Timetabling**

- Where possible we will aim to schedule outside activities including sports day activities, school trips and PE lessons before 12noon and after 2pm. If this is unavoidable hats, clothing and sunscreen should be worn to avoid sunburn and heat exhaustion.

### **Clothing**

- Students should bring a hat/cap to wear when outside.
- When participating in PE the polo shirt should be worn not the rugby shirt.
- Students will be informed when jumpers and school blazers are not expected to be worn during hot weather, however, smart uniform i.e. shirt tie/scarf should be worn at all times.
- Teaching and support staff will wear suitable hats and clothing to reinforce role modelling

### **Water/Refreshments**

- Students should ensure that they bring bottled water to school with them daily. This can be re-filled in the water coolers located throughout school.

### **Sunscreen**

- Students are encouraged to apply at least factor SPF 20 sunscreen in school and will be reminded to do so by teachers before lunch break.
- Sunscreen will be encouraged on trips and staff will be provided with extra sunscreen in case students forget their own.
- There is a school stock of sunscreen for students who forget/cannot afford their own.
- Sunscreen bottles should be labelled where possible.