

## Sun Safety Policy

**'Let all that you do, be done in love' 1 Corinthians 16:14**

### Rationale

This policy represents the agreed principles for sun protection at St Leonard's First School & Nursery. It has been agreed by the Local Academy Council (LAC) and the school staff.

We want our staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely. We believe that sun safety is important to ensure that pupils and staff are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays in sunlight. We will work with staff, pupils and parents/guardians to achieve this.

### Education

- All pupils will learn about sun safety and protecting their skin through curriculum opportunities.
- At the beginning of the summer term every year, parents/guardians will be reminded of the dangers of sun exposure and preventative measures via our Friday Post.
- Staff will be reminded about the school's sun safety policy and the need to incorporate sun safety knowledge in PSHE.
- Pupils will be told about the importance of drinking more water when it is hot and will be encouraged to bring water to school and to make use of water coolers / sinks.
- Staff will be encouraged to praise pupils that adhere to sun protection guidelines.
- Staff will be encouraged to remind pupils of the need for sun protection during social times if they are ignoring guidelines.

### Protection

- We will provide an environment that enables pupils and staff to stay safe in the sun. This includes shaded areas of the playground and shaded areas staff can take breaks outdoors.

### Shading

- Staff will encourage pupils to use shady areas of the school and its grounds during breaks, lunch hours, sports days and trips out.
- We will hold outdoor activities in areas of shade whenever possible.
- We have shaded areas at the schools and will encourage pupils to use it.
- We will review the provision of adequate shade for all pupils and staff yearly.

### Timetabling

- The Sports Day event(s) is risk assessed ahead of the event to ensure it will not be too hot for children and families.
- If the sun is too hot, PE lessons or any outdoor lessons will be held indoors, will be held under shade or will have their time slot changed if possible.

## **Clothing**

- We will actively encourage all pupils to wear a sunhat (ideally with a protective back flap) when playing outside.
- Pupils will wear t-shirts during PE or outdoor lessons to cover up their shoulders.
- We will encourage staff and parents/guardians to act as good role models by practising sun safety.
- Parents/guardians will be asked to ensure their children wear appropriate cover clothing during sunny periods.
- Children who suffer with hay fever are allowed to wear sunglasses, sunglasses may also be worn during breaks times on sunny days.

## **Sun Cream**

- The use of all day sun cream will be encouraged across the whole school day and during outdoor school trips or visits.
- Due to allergies sunscreen should be nut free e.g. no almond scented sunscreen
- We request that parents use an 8-hour sun cream before school to reduce the need to re-apply throughout the day. If necessary children will be able to reapply themselves at lunchtime, we do not ask staff to apply sun cream unless there is an exceptional circumstance which has been agreed between staff and parents.
- Sun cream needs to be clearly labelled and it needs to be handed in to be kept safely in class.
- We WILL NOT hold a stock of sun cream in the school.
- Parents and school will remind children that their sun cream cannot be shared with other pupils.

**Reviewed by:** Miss C. Phillips

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This policy will be reviewed every 3 years.