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Sun Protection Policy

1. Policy Statement

Pattishall CE Primary School is committed to safeguarding the health, safety and wellbeing of all pupils and staff. We recognise the risks associated with overexposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation and the importance of effective sun protection.

This policy sets out the measures the school will take to minimise these risks while enabling pupils to safely enjoy outdoor activities.

This policy is informed by guidance from Cancer Research UK and the NHS, and operates in line with the Health and Safety Executive and the Equality Act 2010.

2. Aims

- To protect pupils and staff from harmful effects of sun exposure.
- To promote positive sun-safe behaviours across the school community.
- To ensure appropriate procedures are in place for managing sun protection safely and consistently.

3. Scope

This policy applies to all pupils, staff, volunteers, and visitors, and covers all school activities, including outdoor learning, physical education, break times, and educational visits.

4. Roles and Responsibilities

Governing Body

- To ensure the school has an effective policy in place and that it is reviewed regularly.

Headteacher

- To ensure implementation of this policy.
- To ensure staff are aware of procedures and responsibilities.
- To ensure appropriate risk assessments are undertaken.

Staff

- To model and promote sun-safe behaviours.
- To implement this policy during all relevant activities.
- To follow safeguarding procedures where support with sun protection is required.

Parents/Carers

- To provide appropriate sun protection for their child.
- To support the school in reinforcing sun-safe behaviours.

Pupils

- To follow sun safety guidance appropriate to their age and understanding.

5. Sun Protection Measures

5.1 Education

- Pupils will be educated about sun safety through assemblies and the curriculum, particularly during the summer term.
- Parents/carers will receive information about sun protection via school communications.

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5.2 Protection

Shade

- Pupils will be directed to use shaded areas during periods of high UV exposure where available.
- Outdoor spaces will be assessed to maximise access to shade.

Timetabling

- Where reasonably practicable, outdoor activities (including PE and educational visits) will be scheduled outside peak UV hours (11:00am–3:00pm).
- Where this is not possible, enhanced protective measures will be implemented.

Clothing

- Pupils **should wear** suitable sun-protective clothing during sunny weather, including:
 - Wide-brimmed or legionnaire-style hats
 - Clothing that covers shoulders

Sunscreen

- Parents/carers are expected to apply sunscreen to their child before the school day; preferably an ‘all day’ cream.
- Pupils should bring clearly labelled sunscreen (minimum SPF 30 with appropriate UVA protection) to school where required.
- Pupils will be encouraged and supervised, where appropriate, to apply their own sunscreen.

Staff application of sunscreen:

- Staff will not routinely apply sunscreen to pupils.
- Where necessary, this will only take place:
 - With prior written parental consent
 - In accordance with the school’s safeguarding and intimate care policies

Additional Measures

- Pupils without appropriate sun protection may be required to remain in shaded areas for their safety.
- Drinking water will be readily available to prevent dehydration.

6. Educational Visits and Outdoor Activities

- Sun protection will form part of risk assessments for all outdoor activities and school trips.
- Staff will ensure that appropriate sun protection measures are in place and followed.

7. Equality and Inclusion

The school will make reasonable adjustments to ensure that all pupils, including those with medical conditions, disabilities, or increased sensitivity to sunlight, are able to participate safely in outdoor activities in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

Individual healthcare plans will be followed where applicable.

8. Safeguarding

Any physical assistance provided to pupils (including the application of sunscreen) will be carried out in line with the school’s safeguarding and intimate care policies, ensuring dignity, consent, and appropriate supervision at all times.

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9. Monitoring and Review

- The Headteacher (or a delegated Health & Safety Lead) is responsible for monitoring the implementation of this policy.
- This policy will be reviewed every year or sooner if guidance changes.

10. Supporting Parents/Carers

The school requests that parents/carers:

- Provide sunscreen (minimum SPF 30 with UVA protection).
- Ensure their child brings a suitable hat.
- Teach their child how to apply sunscreen independently where possible.
- Reinforce sun safety messages at home.

11. Linked Policies

- Health and Safety Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Intimate Care Policy
- Educational Visits Policy