



Acre Heads Primary School

SUNSAFE POLICY **For when UV levels are high**

Signed Staff:

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On 23/05/17 the Safeguarding Committee of the Governing Body reviewed our practice towards sun cream in line with safeguarding and health and safety procedures.

Any issues/ questions about this policy should be in writing and addressed to the Safeguarding Committee of the Governing Body. This committee is comprised of Local Authority, Co-opted, Parent and Staff Governors.

We hope that parents and carers can see that applying suncream to children in a family context is an essential part of staying sunsafe but in a school context it is unmanageable and unsafe. We have almost 400 children at Acre Heads. We cannot possibly apply sun cream to all 400 children every day without seriously wasting their time for education and leaving staff open to recrimination. We cannot allow 400 children to bring 400 bottles of suncream to school.

The Governing Body **will**

- continue to review the sunsafe policy and procedures regularly.
- continue to plan grounds development which includes installing even more areas for shade.

Staff working with children at school **will**

- remind all children to wear their sun hats when outside.
- allow children to wear sunglasses outside.
- remind all children to have a drink at regular intervals.
- remind parents to prepare their children for working in the sunny weather.
- encourage children to seek shade when working and playing out of doors as much as it is practicable to do so and where possible ensure that organised activities make use of the shade available.
- encourage children to work indoors if they have come to school ill prepared, as much as it is practicable to do so.
- ensure that outdoor activities and events are planned outside of 11am -3pm where possible and appropriate (if this is sometimes unavoidable, ensure hats and clothing are worn to minimise risk of sunburn).
- set the children a good example by wearing suncream, sunhats and sunglasses as much as it is practicable to do so.
- ensure that sun protection and the dangers of sunbed use are incorporated into the curriculum for all ages.
- ensure that sun protection is actively promoted to pupils in other ways at significant points of the school year including before and during summer and prior to summer holidays (e.g. assemblies, workshops, talks).

Staff working with children at school **will not**

- apply suncream to children.
- be held responsible for looking after sun creams.
- be held responsible for ensuring that children have applied suncream correctly.
- allow sun cream to be left in the possession of children as this is not safe practice.
- behave in a way which could be misconstrued as sunbathing – i.e. they will not sit out in the sun to deliberately get a tan, or position themselves to get a tan while they are working with children.

We respectfully ask that parents and carers **will**

- take responsibility for ensuring that their children are prepared for working in the sunny weather.
- apply a 'once-a-day' sun protection product (e.g. P20 amongst others) to their child **before** school.
- ensure their child wears a sun hat which protects the ears and back of the neck.
- ensure their child brings a water bottle to school every day.
- make an appointment to come into school to apply sun cream to their own child only if number one above cannot be actioned.

We respectfully ask that parents and carers **will not**

- ask staff to apply suncream.
- ask staff to supervise children applying suncream.
- ask other children's parents or a different adult to come into school to apply suncream without letting us know.