

Sun Protocol

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Aims

At Wittering Primary School we want all staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely. This protocol is a set of expectations for keeping children safe and teaching them how to look after themselves

Background

Skin cancer is a disease which is almost entirely avoidable. There are two forms of skin cancers: -

Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer – this is the most common and is treatable after appropriate diagnosis. These cancers result from chronic sun exposure and are usually seen in older people.

Malignant–Melanoma – this is far more lethal and usually occurs in younger people.

We will work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this by encouraging the following protocol:

SLIP on clothing SLAP on a hat SLOP on suncream SLIDE on sunglasses SHADE

Education

- We will discuss how to be safe in the sun during Sun Awareness week (usually at the start of the Summer term) through PSHE lessons.
- Reminders will be sent to parents in our regular newsletters about how they can help to keep their child safe in the sun.
- Teachers will be made aware of the policy and guidance and be issued with information and resources for them to plan from.

Protection

- Timetabling
 - Timetables will be looked at so that outdoor lessons are not taken around midday.
- Clothing
 - Parents are asked to provide a sun hat/cap, sunglasses and sunscreen if required for their child

- A staff will be positive role models and encouraged to wear a hat during peak sun times.
- Sunscreen
 - We will not supply sunscreen to pupils or encourage the sharing of, due to the risk that some children may be allergic to certain products.
 - \circ $\;$ We do encourage children to bring in and apply their own.
 - We always have sun cream on our kit lists for visits.
 - We encourage all pupils to apply at home (brands that last all day) where appropriate.

First Aid

Trained first aid staff will be confident in their ability to deal with sunburn/heatstroke by:

- 1. Move casualty into shade
- 2. Cool the skin with tepid water
- 3. Give frequent sips of water
- 4. Parent/Carer will be contacted

Links with school policies

Health and Safety Safeguarding and Child Protection

