

SUN SAFETY POLICY

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RATIONALE

Skin cancer is one of the most common cancers in the UK and numbers of cases is still rising. Because many cancers result from sun damage acquired during childhood it is important to reduce the exposure to the most dangerous sunshine hours in the summer months.

PURPOSES

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines and good practice to limit pupil's exposure to dangerous sunshine from April to September.

GUIDELINES Education

- All pupils will be informed of the need to be sun smart.
- We will talk about how to be sun smart in assemblies at the start of the summer term.
- Parents and guardians will annually be sent a letter (appendix 1) explaining what the school is doing about sun protection and how they can help at the beginning of the summer term. This is the responsibility of the SMSC coordinator.
- Parents and guardians will be reminded on the Summer Term Newsletters and the school website about being sun smart – apply sun cream before school, bring in a hat and drink bottle.

Protection

Shade

- Encourage children to play in shaded areas under trees, covered areas and shade from buildings.
- Provide seats and equipment in shaded areas
- Organise activities making use of shade available

Clothing

- Staff and pupils are encouraged to wear hats/caps when outside
- Staff and pupils are encouraged to wear tops that cover their shoulders and upper arms

Sunscreen

- Parents are encouraged to apply sun cream before coming into school
- Sunscreen will be available within school during the summer months. Staff may help children to apply this.
- Sunscreen will be encouraged on school trips and staff will be expected to take sunscreen with them.

Hydration

- Children have access to drinking water at all times, e.g personal water bottles and water fountains

SUN-SMART KIDS AT HYLTON CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parent / Carer

As the days have become warmer I would like to let you know what we are doing in school to protect your children and how you can help. The main bullet points are outlined below:

- We recommend that you provide your child with a sun-hat/cap.
- We encourage children to wear layers of clothing so they can stay cool in class. We encourage pupils to slip on a cardigan or jumper during playtimes – this will give their arms extra protection from the sun.
- Loose fitting clothes are cooler.
- We encourage you to apply sunscreen before your child comes to school.
- We do have cream available in school and although children will be encouraged to apply their own cream, adults may help.
- If your child is going on a school trip, please ensure that you provide your child with a sun-block.
- Children may wear dress shorts to school (they are not allowed to wear sports shorts for normal day-wear). Longer shorts are recommended since this gives added protection to the legs.
- Children are encouraged to drink water during the day – they have individual water bottles in class and access to water fountains during break-times.
- We do have trees that provide shade– please talk to your children about when it might be a good time to seek the shade.
- **PLEASE MAKE THE SCHOOL OFFICE AWARE IF YOUR CHILD HAS AN ALLERGY TO SUN CREAM AND NEEDS A PRESCRIPTION FROM THE DOCTOR.**

Thank-you for your support in helping to keep your child sun-safe.

If you would like a copy of our full sun protection policy please ask at the main school office.

Yours sincerely

Elaine Armstrong (headteacher)

Inclusion Statement

At Hylton Castle Primary School, we are committed to offering an inclusive curriculum to ensure the best possible progress for all of our pupils whatever their needs or abilities.

Pupils have Special Educational Needs if they have a learning difficulty which calls for special educational provision to be made for them. Pupils with a disability have special educational needs if they have any difficulty in accessing education and if they need any special educational provision to be made for them, which is anything that is additional to or different from what is normally available in schools in the area.

At Hylton Castle Primary School we undertake the duties, including in relation to **this policy**:

- Not to treat disabled pupils less favourably for a reason which relates to their disability
- To take reasonable steps to avoid putting disabled pupils at a substantial disadvantage
- To do our best by all disabled members of our school community in relation to the requirements of this particular policy

Equality & Diversity Statement

Hylton Castle Primary School fully recognises its duty to comply with equality and diversity legislation, and its Gender Equality Scheme sets out the school's aims in relation to equality and what it will do to ensure that equality is fully embedded in practice. The school fully acknowledges its responsibilities in terms of equality issues in relation to gender, age, race, disability, religion or belief, sexual orientation and gender reassignment, including in relation to **this policy**.

Hylton Castle Primary School is firmly committed to equality and diversity, and when carrying out our functions, we shall have due regard to the need: to eliminate unlawful discrimination and harassment; to promote equality of opportunity between men and women.

This Policy should be read in conjunction with the School's:

- Health and Safety Policy
- Child Protection Policy