



# SUN CREAM GUIDANCE

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## **GUIDELINES FOR THE APPLICATION OF SUN SCREEN AND SUN PROTECTION FOR PUPILS**

At Spring Common Academy we will endeavour to ensure children and staff are protected from skin damage caused by ultra violet rays in sunlight.

We will educate children about how to protect themselves and how to wear clothes in extreme heat.

The school site has sun shades and this will be reviewed in the Premises Plan.

We will seek advice from the Special Needs School Nursing Service.

The following guidelines about sunscreen are to provide advice to staff and parents.

### **RATIONALE**

There is much research and evidence to suggest that we need to be more “sun aware”, take more precautions and use good sun protection measures to lessen the risk of sun burn, long term skin damage and possible skin cancer.

### **PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES**

Parents should ensure that their son or daughter is provided with adequate sun protection and sun screen, including a suitable wide brimmed or peaked hat, sun glasses, and parasols for those in chairs or buggies. Suitable clothing should also be provided.

High factor, long lasting sunscreen should be applied before coming to school.

If parents wish for more sun screen to be applied throughout the school day, lotion or spray should be provided for school with clear written instructions for its application. This will act as consent.

We understand that pupils attending Spring Common Academy are not always as independent in applying sun screen and may require assistance to do this. As we already have care needs to meet for many of the pupils, the application of sun screen is not problematic although sun screen will only be applied to parts of the body where skin is exposed.

## **SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES**

It is NOT the responsibility of Spring Common Academy or its employees to provide sun protection or sun screen for its pupils.

School staff will ensure that pupils are not exposed to prolonged and intense periods in the sun whilst at the same time ensuring that pupils have access to out door activities, play times and facilities.

School staff will ensure that on outings, pupils have access to shade as part of the planning and risk management

## **WHATS NEXT?**

It is important and advised that sun screen is used all year but especially throughout the entirety of the summer months and not just on hot days.

If pupils are going out on long outings and no sun screen is provided, it will be necessary from now on for teachers to contact parents and then make any adjustments to the class plans for the day.

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