

## WENLOCK CHURCH OF ENGLAND JUNIOR SCHOOL

*Learning and growing together within the love of God*



### **SUN PROTECTION POLICY      October 2015**

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*'Schools have a responsibility to ensure that pupils are protected from over exposure to UV rays from the sun'    Cancer Research UK*

#### **Rationale**

Education about sun protection is important. We want staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this through:

#### **Education**

- All pupils will have at least one sun smart lesson per year.
- We will talk about how to be safe in the sun in assemblies at the start of the summer term and before the summer break.
- Parents and carers will be sent a letter explaining what the school is doing about sun protection and how they can help.
- Information on sun safety will be provided for teachers.
- Links to information will be included on our school website.

#### **Protection**

##### Shade:

- When the sun is strong we will ensure shade is provided – shade canopy, trees.
- If no shade is available we will reduce the amount of time pupils spend outdoors and children will have the remainder of their time inside.

##### Water:

- Water is important during hot weather, we will ensure children are reminded about the importance of drinking enough water and on hot days a 'water station' will be set up outside at lunch times. Children can bring their own labelled water bottles to outside PE lessons.

##### Clothing:

- When outside in hot weather, children will be encouraged to wear hats that cover the ears, face and neck.
- No vests – ensure shoulders are covered by T-shirts during PE lessons.
- All staff should model and support what is expected, (if it is a really hot day and a member of staff is on duty, please also wear a sun hat, and ensure clothing covers shoulders).

Sunscreen:

- Sunscreen will be encouraged on days when the sun is strong during summer at lunch time breaks, during PE lessons and on school trips. (At least SPF 15). We encourage each child to have their own labelled bottle of sunscreen which will be stored in the classroom. We will send letters home asking for permission for all pupils to apply their own sunscreen on days when the sun is strong during the summer months.

Timetabling:

- During hot/sunny weather we will schedule outside activities and PE lessons before 11.00 a.m. and after 2.30 p.m. if appropriate. If this is not possible we will ensure hats, clothing and sunscreen are worn to prevent sunburn.

Extra consideration will be given to school visits and sports days during warmer months. We will ensure that pupils have adequate water, encourage use of sun screen and wear suitable clothing.

All classrooms have air conditioning units to regulate room temperatures.

At Wenlock C of E Junior School we give regular thought to how values can be used to support the child as a reflective learner and promote equality through quality teaching and learning. The school recognises and values all individuals no matter what their ethnicity, gender, disability and special educational need and social background.

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