

# King Athelstan Primary School

## **SUN SAFETY POLICY**



### ***King Athelstan Primary School - Inspiring Excellence***

We believe in the relentless pursuit of excellence to achieve high standards.

We are driven to inspire our school community to be aspirational, ambitious and to "dream big."

We empower children with choices which prepare them for a life of opportunity.

We teach children that hard work delivers success; we encourage children to take risks and ask brilliant questions in order to inspire a love and passion for learning.

We teach children to think.

We put children's happiness and welfare at the heart of everything we do.

We value friendship, kindness and respect.

We celebrate the excellence in each individual.

We expect families to work with us to form a strong team around every child.

We teach children to be good citizens.

**We are proud of our school: Come as you are and leave us great.**

<b>Responsibility: PSHE Coordinator</b>	<b>Governors committee :Curriculum</b>	
<b>Status: Not statutory or website</b>	<b>Review Cycle:3 years</b>	
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*Skin Cancer is one of the most common cancers in the UK and the number of cases is rising at an alarming rate. The majority of these cases could be prevented if we protect ourselves from the UV radiation from the sun. This is particularly important for children and young people whose skin is more delicate and easily damaged. Sunburn in childhood can double the risk of skin cancer in the future.*

**Cancer Research UK**

## **1. Introduction**

### **1.1 The purpose and development of the policy**

This Sun Safety policy has been developed through consultation with staff, governors and children. It aims to clarify the requirements and responsibilities of the school by:

- ☀ Reinforcing and safeguarding the health and safety of pupils and others who use the school;
- ☀ Clarifying the school's approach to sun safety for all staff, pupils, governors, parents/carers, external agencies and the wider community;
- ☀ Giving guidance on developing, implementing and monitoring the sun safety programme;
- ☀ Reinforcing the role of the school in contributing to local and national strategies

### **1.2 School values and ethos**

Our vision statement identifies that our ethos is about providing a happy, safe and caring environment in which pupils have high self confidence and independent and cooperative learning skills. The school's sun safety programme is a key element in our planned PSHE curriculum. At King Athelstan Primary School, we strive to ensure children learn how to stay safe and healthy. We believe that children need to learn the importance of protecting themselves in the sun and have confidence in the skills they need to do this.

### **1.3 The Policy**

At King Athelstan we want staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff, parents/carers, pupils and governors to achieve this.

## **2. Protection**

### **2.1 Education and Awareness**

- ☀ Sun safety will be taught through PSHE, assemblies and relevant curriculum links, particularly during the Summer Term
- ☀ Children will be taught the key principles of being sun safe, including seeking shade, wearing protective clothing and using sunscreen
- ☀ Parents and carers will receive information at the start of the Summer Term outlining how the school manages sun safety and how they can support at home
- ☀ Staff will be kept informed of current guidance and expectations

### **2.2 Shade**

- ☀ Pupils will be encouraged to use shaded areas during break and lunchtime, particularly during periods of high UV exposure
- ☀ The school will consider shade provision when developing outdoor spaces
- ☀ For outdoor events such as Sports Day, school trips and PE lessons, staff will plan for access to shade where reasonably practicable

### **2.3 Clothing and Hats**

- ☀ During warm and sunny weather, children are encouraged to wear suitable clothing that covers shoulders and upper arms where possible
- ☀ Sun hats are strongly encouraged for outdoor activities. These should be clearly named
- ☀ Parents/carers are asked to provide appropriate sun hats during the Summer Term

### **2.4 Sunscreen**

- ☀ Parents/carers are responsible for applying sunscreen before school
- ☀ Children may bring their own clearly named sunscreen (minimum SPF 30, broad spectrum UVA/UVB) to reapply during the day
- ☀ Staff will encourage children to apply sunscreen independently where appropriate
- ☀ In EYFS, staff may support children with applying sunscreen where written parental permission has been provided

- ☀ For educational visits, parents/carers will be reminded to apply sunscreen in the morning and provide a named sunscreen for use during the trip

## **2.5 Timetabling and Activities**

- ☀ Where possible, outdoor activities will be planned to avoid the hottest part of the day
- ☀ Staff will remain vigilant during periods of hot or very sunny weather and adapt activities as necessary

## **2.6 Staff Responsibilities**

- ☀ Staff will act as positive role models by following sun-safe practices
- ☀ Staff will monitor pupils for signs of sunburn, heat exhaustion or dehydration and respond appropriately
- ☀ All staff have a responsibility to support the implementation of this policy

Signed on behalf of the Governors: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_