



ALDERMAN JACOBS PRIMARY SCHOOL (ACADEMY TRUST)

SUN PROTOCOL

At Alderman Jacobs School we want all staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely.

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
 - Staff will be positive role models and encouraged to wear a hat during peak sun times.
- **Swimming**
 - Particular care will be taken regarding the sun's harmful rays during our outdoor swimming lessons.
- **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.
 - 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.

Pre-School

We ask that Pre-School children come into Pre-School with suncream applied in the morning by parents/carers before they arrive in Pre-School. For children that join Pre-School for an afternoon session, we ask that parents/carers apply it before they arrive. Pre-School staff will re-apply suncream provided by the setting at lunch time for all children who stay all day. Parents will be informed of the brand we use each year. If they do not wish for it to be used on their child, they must inform Pre-School staff and provide their own named bottle of suncream which will be re-applied by Pre-School staff at lunchtime. Staff will make an internal log of when they apply any suncream.

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

Statutory/Non-Statutory

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