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Foxyards Primary School

Sun Awareness Policy

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Foxyards Primary School believes in promoting Sun Safety to ensure that children and staff are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays in sunlight.

As part of our Sun Safety Policy we will:

- Educate children throughout the curriculum about the causes of skin cancer and how to protect their skin;
- Encourage children to wear clothes that provide good sun protection, and use sunscreens where appropriate;
- Seek shade, particularly in the middle of the day and to use shady areas during breaks, lunchtimes, sports and trips.
- Encourage staff and parents to act as good role models by practising sun safety;
- Regularly remind children, staff and parents about sun safety through newsletters, assemblies and activities for pupils;
- Drink plenty of water during hot, sunny weather;
- Make sure the Use of Sun Screens Policy is working. We will regularly monitor our curriculum, assess shade provision, and review the sun safety behaviour of students and staff (use of hats, shade, etc).

School wishes to encourage students to protect themselves from the sun. One way of doing this is to use sunscreen at the appropriate time. Sun lotion provided from the Local Authority is available in all classrooms. Parents are required to complete a consent form to agree that this lotion can be used. Parents may wish to send in their own sun lotion

If a pupil is to use their own sunscreen at school, parents are asked to:

1. Provide the sunscreen product for school use. The sunscreen must be:
 - a. Clearly marked with the child's name.
 - b. Replenished by the parent as needed.
2. The sunscreen product will be stored in the child's book bag or other location designated by the teacher.
3. The child must be able to apply his or her own sunscreen (except Nursery and Reception children).
4. For Nursery and Reception parents: They are asked to apply sunscreen at home before a typical school day, this will be reapplied as necessary by staff if support is needed

If it is considered necessary for teachers/staff to assist with the application of sunscreen (nursery and reception only), the sunscreen will only be applied to face, neck, arms, hands and lower legs. Parents are asked to provide written instruction to teachers for their child's individual needs.