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Excellence Through Endeavour
"Let your Light Shine" – Matthew 5:16

POLICY DOCUMENT

Sun Safety Policy

Aims

- To protect children's skin from sun damage.
- To re-enforce the importance of lifelong sun protection to parents, carers and children.

It is the policy of our school for all children to wear sunhats during sunny weather specifically usually between the peak times of 11am and 3pm, when necessary at playtimes or during any outside session. This time span may be extended if exposure to the sun is deemed to be harmful earlier in the day. Parents are encouraged to apply suntan cream to their children prior to the school day and if needed children can bring suntan cream into school for application during the day. This needs to be named and should not be shared with any other children.

Sunhats

Sunhats must still be worn in sunny weather. These may be any single colour but must be plain and unbranded. If you would prefer your child to continue wearing a school hat with Shenington School logos, we still have a stock of items available. Please speak to us about this. We are also investigating a supply of plain royal blue hats to be available in the school office.
At all times, all children need to have a plain style sunhat in any colour for playtime and games. For hygiene reasons, all children need their own sunhat. Please ensure that your child has a sunhat, labelled with their name, in school every day. Hats are best kept in PE bags. Children without a sunhat will be unable to play outside when a sunhat is required.

Responsibilities

- Parents and children
- need to ensure that sun hats are in school each day.
- Parents must ensure that when necessary children are applied with sunscreen and if appropriate sunscreen is available in a named bottle or tube in school.
- Children are responsible for applying their own sunscreen at playtimes or for outside sessions.
- Staff are responsible for reminding children to wear their sunhats.
- Whenever possible, staff will ensure that children are not exposed to the sun for long periods of time e.g. if children have had a PE lesson, an outside activity will

not be planned afterwards unless children have access to shade. The foundation stage playground has a covered area to provide shade for the younger children. Extra shade is required for the other playground until the trees mature. **This is action that currently needs to be taken forward.**

Parents are expected to provide their children with drinks bottles throughout the year.

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