



Sun Protection Policy
Portishead Primary School
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Rationale

By implementing policies and incentives aimed at encouraging the use of sun-protective hats and clothing, schools have the no-cost opportunity to reduce the risk of skin cancer among the students and staff.

Aims and Objectives

- To provide children and staff with the necessary understanding of the dangers of over exposure to the sun
- To equip children with the knowledge to be understand the reasons for wearing appropriate protective clothing e.g. long sleeves and sun hats when the weather is hot
- To provide children with incentives to encourage them to wear hats as a routine when doing outdoor activities and to encourage their peers to do the same.

Implementation

- Parents of pupils should be asked to provide suitable sun-protective hats and a long sleeved garment (a playshirt) for their child to bring to school and slip on (unless already wearing long sleeves) before outdoor activities. To prevent overheating on a warm day, it should be lightweight and loose fitting.
- Pupils may wear any hat, visor or playshirt that provides reasonable sun protection.
- Hats and clothing with slogans, inappropriate wording or pictures are not allowed.
- Teachers/appropriate adults should ensure that such clothing as is provided should be worn by all pupils when doing outdoor activities.
- All other staff who participate in or supervise outdoor activities should also wear sun protective clothing not only for their own protection but to encourage the children to wear theirs.

Roles and responsibilities

- The class teachers, midday supervisors, sports coaches or other appropriate adults leading or supervising the outdoor activities have a responsibility for ensuring that both they and the pupils wear their sun protective clothing and hats.

- The implementation is seen as the responsibility of all the staff. Its use and effectiveness will be supported by the Head and Governors.

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