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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.

Most skin cancers are caused by UV radiation from the sun. If we protect ourselves from the sun then we can reduce our risk. This is particularly important for children and young people whose skin is more delicate and easily damaged.

At Wansdyke Primary school we want the children and adults in our school community to enjoy the sun safely.

We have written this policy with reference to the five key SunSmart skin cancer prevention messages as stated by Cancer Research UK.

**S**pend time in the shade between 11am and 3 pm.

**M**ake sure you never burn.

**A**im to cover up with a T-shirt and hat

**R**emember children burn more easily.

**T**hen use factor 15+ sunscreen.

We will work together to achieve these messages through:

#### Education

- All children will have at least one sun smart lesson per year. This may take the form of an assembly, whole class or group session. We will use the Wrap, Splat , Hat phrase to remind children of the key sun safety principles.

- Parents and guardians will be sent a newsletter explaining the school sun safety principles, procedures and how they can help with these at the beginning of the summer term (earlier if weather requires).

#### Protection

Shade:

-Children will be encouraged to seek shade at regular intervals during outdoor lessons and playtimes.

-Teachers will actively make use of shaded areas for outdoor lessons and teaching prior to PE sessions.

#### Clothing:

- Children are asked to bring a hat with a peak or wide brim (preferably one that also covers their neck), into school and are required to wear this during playtimes and all outdoor lessons.

Where children do not have an appropriate hat, they may be asked to stay inside or solely in the shade during playtime.

- Children must wear T-shirts and not vests for PE.

#### Sunscreen:

- Staff are not able to apply sunscreen to children and it is suggested that a high factor sun cream (minimum SPF 30) is applied thoroughly in the mornings to all exposed areas (face , neck, ears, arms , legs etc).

- If parents and carers feel they need to reapply sun screen for their own children then they may visit the school at lunch time to do so.

- In KS2, children may bring in a named bottle of sun cream which they may apply at the beginning of lunch time to exposed areas of skin with supervision from an adult.

A permission slip from parents will need to be completed beforehand.

- Children must **not** apply sunscreen or block to one another. Care must be taken with sprays and lotions in case of allergy in others.

#### Staff.

- It is requested that staff act as role models in all areas of sun protection including wearing a suitable hat during playground duty.

#### Child Protection

Where it is noted that a child has sustained a significant sunburn (i.e. at the weekend or over holidays), the parents will be given an additional sun protection leaflet by the class teacher and a note will be added to the child protection file.

Signed Teachers:

Signed Chair AGC Governors:

Date: