



Aspin Park Academy

Use of Sunscreens Policy

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1	Compliance Officer	26.05.2019	Agreed by Trustees
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3	Head of Estates & H&S	18.09.2023	Agreed

Introduction:

Elevate Multi Academy Trust (Elevate) believe 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 this policy, Elevate and its Academies 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;(Appendix 1)
- Regularly remind children, staff and parents about sun safety through newsletters, posters and activities for children;
- Drink plenty of water during hot, sunny weather;
- Make sure the Use of Sunscreens Policy is working;
- We will regularly monitor our curriculum, assess shade provision, and review the sun safety behaviour of children and staff (use of hats, shade, etc.).

References to 'the Head teacher' includes the Executive Head teacher, Head of Academy or acting Head teacher as appropriate.

Legal Position:

Elevate's duty to both assess and control any risks is governed by the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 (HSWA). S.2 requires us to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, the health, safety and welfare of their employees. This will be achieved by carrying out risk assessments in accordance with the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (as amended).

Policy:

Elevate and its Academies wish to encourage children to protect themselves from the sun. One way of doing this is to use sunscreen at the appropriate time. If a child is to use sunscreen on site, parents are asked to:

- Provide the sunscreen product for use. The sunscreen must be:
 - a) Clearly marked with the child's name.
 - b) Replenished by the parent as needed.
- The sunscreen product will be stored in the child's bag, drawer or other location designated by the academy.
- The child must be able to apply his or her own sunscreen (except Nursery and Reception children).
- For Nursery and Reception parents: They are asked to apply sunscreen at home before a typical day, this will be reapplied as necessary by staff.
- In considered exemptional circumstances staff may agree to apply sunscreen, if so, will apply using nitrile disposable gloves.

If it is considered necessary for staff to assist with the application of sunscreen, the sunscreen will only be applied to face, neck, arms, hands and lower legs. Parents are asked to provide written instruction to staff for their child's individual needs. (Appendix 2)

Signed:	
Name:	Mrs Helen Windsor
Position:	Deputy headteacher – Health and Safety Lead
Date:	27.9.23
Review Date:	1.9.24



Dear Parents / carers,

Sun Safety on Site

Now that Summer seems to have finally arrived, we are keen to promote the protection of staff and children from sunburn and from skin damage that can be caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays in sunlight. We would like your help and support in this matter. We will be encouraging children to avoid sunburn and overexposure to the sun by:

- **seeking the shade, particularly during the middle of the day**
- **wearing suitable hats**
- **wearing clothing that protects the skin, particularly for outdoor activities and trips**
- **using a high factor sunscreen (SPF 30+), preferably an 8 hour long wearing brand**
- **ensuring a named, refillable water bottle is brought in daily**

You can help by encouraging your child to bring and wear a hat, particularly on sports days, trips and visits and by encouraging your child to wear longer sleeved shirts and longer shorts when outdoors if necessary. We will remind parents of the sun safety policy, from time to time, particularly around the start of the summer term, sports days and outings.

Sunscreens provide added protection and may be useful when other measures are not available. Dermatologists recommend a sunscreen with a high sun protection factor (SPF) of 30+. We will remind children to 'top up' their sun cream before lunchtime, if needed.

We encourage parents to provide sunscreen for this purpose. We also wish to encourage children to protect themselves from the sun. One way of doing this is to use sunscreen at the appropriate time. We recommend an 8 hour one which can be applied before school. If a child is to use sunscreen on site, parents are asked to make sure the sunscreen is:

- **Clearly marked with the child's name.**
- **Refilled by the parent as needed.**
- **The sunscreen product will be stored in the child's bag or other location designated by the class teacher.**
- **Roll ons or lotions are ideal – not sprays or aerosols**
- **Please check sunscreen does not contain nut or seed products – eg coconut or Brazil nut**
- **The child must be able to apply his or her own sunscreen (not Foundation children).**
- **Children must not share sun cream due to any potential allergies**
- **For Foundation parents: Please apply sunscreen at home.**
- **Sunscreen will only be applied by staff if your child has an 'Intimate Care Plan.'**

Thank you for your support with this matter,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Meadus

Appendix 2

Model Parental Consent Form

(Academy Name) wishes to encourage children to protect themselves from the sun. One way of doing this is to use sunscreen at the appropriate time. You are asked to sign this form to show that you have received the letter about the establishment's approach to sun safety and support the policy.

Not all children are at equal risk of sunburn. If your child is at risk and you wish him/her to use a sunscreen on site, please indicate this below. You are asked to say whether you will provide a sunscreen.

Nursery/Reception Parents Only. The procedure states that whenever possible staff will supervise the application of sunscreen. Sometimes it may be necessary for staff to help children apply the sunscreen. Please indicate below whether you are happy for approved teaching or support staff to do this.

If your child has any allergies or skin sensitivities, you may want to check with your GP before providing a sunscreen. The school will inform you if your child has any adverse reaction that may be due to the sunscreen.

CHILD'S DETAILS

Surname:

Forename(s):

Address:

M/F Date of Birth:

Class/form:

I have read and support the Use of Sunscreens Policy:

I will provide my child/ren with a non-aerosol, high SPF sunscreen product for use on site and on outings in accordance with the Academy's Policy:

I give my permission for approved staff to apply sunscreen when this is considered necessary. (Nursery/Reception Children **ONLY**):

Signature:	Date:
Name:	