



AMESBURY SCHOOL
HINDHEAD

SUN SAFETY POLICY FOR PUPILS

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Objective:

The primary objective of this policy is to ensure the sun safety and well-being of all pupils at Amesbury School. This policy also considers the specific needs of pupils with nut allergies where some popular and lesser known, more natural sunscreens, have a nut oil base. Amesbury School are committed to promoting the use of sun protection measures, which includes the involvement of parents in applying sunscreen before school, parents providing children with hats and the school providing additional shade and extra water if needed.

1. Sunscreen application

- a. All pupils should arrive at school with sunscreen already applied. Parents/guardians are responsible for applying sunscreen to their child before school.
- b. Teachers and staff members are asked to remind pupils to reapply sunscreen during extended outdoor activities such as on school trips, during fixtures or special outdoor events. Opportunities for them to do so will be provided before activities start.
- c. At no point, will a member of teaching staff be expected to apply sunscreen. Younger years, such as Year 1 and 2 will be supervised and assisted if needed. Older children are expected to learn how to apply sunscreen correctly at home. In Little Amesbury, specific consent is gained for application of sunscreen in line with safeguarding policy and Little Amesbury holds a separate sun safety policy to cover their circumstances and setting.
- d. All pupils will be expected to be responsible for their own, named bottle of sunscreen. If necessary, where inappropriate or irresponsible behaviour is seen when re-applying sunscreen, pupils will be required to hand their bottle to their tutor or medical for safe keeping.

2. Shade and additional safety measures

- a. Where there is a severe weather warning in place for heat, the school will ensure that additional shaded areas are provided for activities that cannot be postponed or rescheduled to avoid the hottest period of the day.
- b. Relaxed rules for ties and blazers will apply to formal events if required to consider the risk of heat exhaustion. Specific events will include this in their risk assessments.
- c. Additional drinking water will be provided for some activities such as sports day or fixtures where there is a greater risk of dehydration.

3. Parental Involvement

- a. Parents/guardians are encouraged to actively participate in sun protection measures by:
 - i. Applying sunscreen to their child before school.
 - ii. Ensuring their child has a suitable hat for outdoor activities.

- iii. Communicating with the school about their child's specific sun protection needs, including any allergies or sensitivities.
- iv. Providing their child with a named bottle of sun screen for use in school to top up at an appropriate time.

b. Parents are expected to teach their children how to apply sunscreen appropriately and properly at home. This is not the responsibility of the school to teach.

4. Hats

- a. As per school uniform policy, all pupils must bring a suitable hat to school each day during the summer term.
- b. Hats should provide adequate sun protection, where possible, covering the face, neck, and ears.
- c. A school uniform hat is available for purchase from the front office.
- d. Pupils will be asked by games Department staff to wear their hat during fixtures in the summer term. This is a mandatory safety requirement to prevent sun stroke or sun burn.

5. Boarding

- a. Sunscreen will be added to the required overnight list of pupils who are boarding in the summer term.
- b. The boarding house will hold a small stock of spare sunscreen to ensure pupils apply sunscreen as they would if they were coming to school from home.

6. Education and Awareness

- a. We encourage parents to have conversations with their children about the importance of sun protection and the harm of UV rays and over exposure to the sun.
- b. The school will remind pupils about the importance of sun protection and the potential risks of sun exposure ahead of outdoor activities such as sports day and trips.

7. Communication

- a. The school will maintain regular communication with parents/guardians regarding the sun protection policy, including updates, reminders, and any necessary changes.
- b. Parents will be encouraged to communicate any concerns, suggestions, or updates related to their child's sun protection needs.

Review and Evaluation:

The sun protection policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure its effectiveness with any necessary adjustments. Feedback from parents, staff members, and pupils will be considered during the evaluation process. The school administration will collaborate with relevant health professionals and organisations to stay up to date with best practices in sun safety and nut allergy management.

By implementing this sun protection policy, Amesbury School aims to create a safe and sun-aware environment that prioritises the well-being of all pupils.