

### **1. Rationale**

At Abbots Green Academy, as part of our 'Safety Culture', we are committed to ensuring the health and well-being of our pupils. As part of this commitment, we recognise the importance of protecting children from the harmful effects of ultraviolet (UV) radiation.

This policy outlines our approach to staying safe during periods of intense sunshine and high temperatures – in line with the information published by the NHS. Please see <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/>

### **2. Aims**

- To educate pupils about the importance of sun protection.
- To encourage habits that reduce the risk of skin damage.
- To support families in protecting children from sun exposure during school hours.

### **3. Roles and Responsibilities**

#### **Parents/Carers**

- Apply long-lasting sunscreen to their child before school (For example Factor 50+)
- Provide a clearly labelled bottle of sunscreen for reapplication if necessary.
- Supply a named sun hat or cap with a wide brim
- Ensure children bring a refillable water bottle daily.

#### **Pupils**

- Wear sun hats and appropriate clothing during outdoor activities
- Spend period of time in shaded areas during peak sun hours
- Reapply their own sunscreen under supervision if needed

#### **Staff**

- Encourage and remind pupils to wear hats and drink water.
- Incorporate sun safety education into the curriculum (e.g., science, PSHE).
- Ensure outdoor activities are planned with sun safety in mind.

### **4. School Provisions**

- Minimise time on the playground and field
- Outdoor activities may be rescheduled or relocated during extreme UV conditions.
- Staff will encourage sun-safe behaviour

### **5. Sunscreen Guidelines**

- Should be clearly labelled with the child's name
- Non-aerosol
- Not shared between pupils.
- Staff will not apply sunscreen to pupils unless there is a specific need and written parental consent is provided.

### **6. Communication**

- This policy will be shared with parents and staff
- Reminders will be included in newsletters and on the school website.

### **7. Monitoring and Review**

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Senior Leadership Team and updated in line with guidance from Public Health England and Local Authority recommendations.

This policy will also be reviewed in partnership with our Evergreen Sunscreen Policy