

## **Exeter Road Community Primary School**

### **Sun Protection Policy**



#### **Statement of Intent**

We believe that the health and safety of children is of paramount importance. We want all children and staff to enjoy spending time outside without the risk of the harmful effects of the sun. The purpose of this policy is to provide opportunities throughout the year for outside play and activities, whilst protecting the children from the harmful effects of the sun.

#### **All parents/legal guardians are responsible for:**

- Checking the weather forecast to see when it is likely to be hot and sunny.
- Applying sun cream on their child before arriving at Pre-School or school, if the weather is going to be hot and sunny. We recommend an 8-hour sun cream so that it lasts all day without the need for re-application.
- Staff in Pre-School to Year 1 may top up sun cream from a school sun cream supply if they feel that it is required. If parents do not want this to happen they must let the school know, preferably in writing. Older children can bring labelled sun cream in their bags and can reapply it with your instruction.
- Children who need specialist sun cream for medical reasons should be sent to school with a clearly labelled bottle of that cream.
- Sun hats and sunglasses are encouraged but hats need to be labelled clearly and glasses if possible.

#### **All staff are responsible for:**

- Ensuring that if a child arrives at Pre-School or school with no hat and no sun cream when the weather is hot and sunny, then keeping the safety of that child in mind, the staff may keep them out of the sun to avoid harm. Activities set up outdoors are kept in the shade where possible and children encouraged to use the covered/shaded areas for their play and games.
- Encouraging children to wear their hats if they have them whilst outside on hot and sunny days.
- Ensuring that any sun cream that is applied by an adult will be done so in the presence of other staff members.