Ashleigh Primary School

Sun

 Policy

Reviewed: March 2017

Staff: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Approved by Governors: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Review date: march 2019

**British Values**

Through its curriculum, extra-curricular activities, teaching and learning this school will promote British values. By doing so, we will ensure that all learners understand the values that have traditionally underpinned British society. The teaching of these values will promote cohesiveness within our school and community. We will prepare pupils for life in England where the population has an increasingly rich diversity of backgrounds, origins, beliefs and cultures by promoting the values on which our society has been built. By teaching pupils these values we will help all to become good citizens of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

**Race Equality and Racial Harassment**

Implicit in all our policies is a belief in race equality and everything will be done to promote this. We do not tolerate racial harassment. (Refer to School’s Race Equality and Racial Harassment Policies).

**Sun Protection Policy**

**Background**

Skin cancer is one of the most common cancers in the UK with incidence of malignant melanoma (the most dangerous form of skin cancer) trebling in 15-24 year olds over the last 25 years. Up to 80% of these cases could be prevented by taking adequate measures to protect from the sun. Sunburn when young can double the risk of skin cancer later in life. Pupils/students are at school during the peak UV hours of 11-3, thus making sun protection at school vitally important.

**Aim**

This policy has been drawn up with the intention of enabling all who attend Ashleigh Primary School (pupils/students and staff) to enjoy the sun safely.

**Education**

Pupils will receive at least one lesson on sun protection during PSHE.

During the summer term pupils will have an assembly focusing on the importance of sun protection.

Parents will be sent a letter explaining what the school is doing about sun protection and how they can help at the beginning of the summer term.

Staff will be given advice on sun protection so that a whole school approach is achieved.

Parents will be reminded of policy in Newsletters during Summer months- especially during periods of sunny weather.

**Protection**

The site has many mature trees that provide shade for pupils wishing to shelter during breaks and lunchtimes outside when the field is in use.

Pupils are advised to apply 15+ sunscreen and/or wear wide-brimmed (or legionnaire style) hats when outside at break/lunchtime (NB. Baseball caps offer some protection but are not ideal as they leave the neck exposed).

**Outdoor activities/visits and PE lessons**

Pupils are encouraged to apply factor 15+ sunscreen for all outdoor trips and activities, such as PE lessons. Staff will not apply sunscreen- this should be applied before school. Parents are welcome to apply this in school time in exceptional circumstances.

Pupils are encouraged to wear wide-brimmed (not Baseball) hats when appropriate, such as being a spectator at Sports Day, playing cricket, doing field work or any outdoor activity.

Staff are encouraged to lead by example and apply 15+sunscreen and wear a wide-brimmed hat when working outside.

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Headteacher: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_