



Stanbridge Lower School

SUN SAFETY POLICY

Updated March 2015

1. RATIONAL

1.1 At Stanbridge we want children to enjoy the sun and warm weather, but feel that it is important to protect the pupils in our care from the damaging effects of the sun as much as possible during the school day.

1.2 We recognise that it is an important step towards encouraging children to have good health and to recognise that exposure to too much sun can have a damaging effect on our health.

1.3 This policy has been produced following guidelines issued from Central Bedfordshire Local Authority in June 2010.

2. AIMS

2.1 Protection: We aim to provide an environment that enables students and staff to stay safe in the sun.

2.2 Education: We aim to teach children about sun safety to increase their knowledge and influence their behaviour when enjoying the sun.

2.3 Collaboration: We aim to work with the pupils, parents, and wider community to reinforce awareness about sun safety and promote a healthy school.

3. IMPLEMENTATION

3.1 The Environment can protect students from the sun. At Stanbridge...

- Trees have been planted to provide long term shade.
- Seats around trees and benches in the playground have been placed in shady positions.
- A canopy provides shades for the Foundation Stage children when playing outside. This is supported by sun umbrellas which provide extra shade.
- A Canopy is situated on the back field for extra shade.

3.2 Pupils are encouraged to..

- Wear hats when outside with a neck covering and wide brim. This provides protection for the neck, face and eyes.
- Wear tops, for PE, that cover their shoulders (vests and strap tops are discouraged for PE)
- Drink water regularly. Children are encouraged to bring water bottles, contain water, to school to drink during lessons times. Water fountains, providing fresh drinking water are situated around school. Fresh water is available to your child whilst eating their lunch and at playtimes.
- Use the shaded areas around the school grounds during the hottest part of the day.
- Apply sun screen before coming to school.

3.3 Parents are encouraged to...

- Dress children in loose clothing that protects the upper limbs.
- Provide their children with sunhats on hot days with a wide brim and neck flap to protect the neck, face and eyes.
- Apply sunscreen (products are available with an 8 hour protection) before their children come to school.
- Train children to apply sunscreen in a sensible fashion. Children will be allowed to apply their own sunscreen before play and sports lessons if a written request is made by parents or carers to the Head Teacher. All sunscreen must be labelled.

3.4 It is important to raise awareness of why we need sun protection with our pupils. At Stanbridge we...

- Incorporate the need for sun protection into the curriculum and assemblies.
- Actively promote the need for sun protection in school assemblies at the start of the Summer Term.
- Staff praise children for adhering to the sun protection guidelines contained in this policy.
- Staff remind children and parents of the need for sun protection during social times if they are ignoring our sun protection guidelines.

3.5 We recognise that children have different needs...

- Speak to the Head Teacher about any medical conditions/needs which your child may have in relation to their needs when in the sun at playtimes, lunchtimes, trips, or PE lessons.
- Sunglasses are more than just a fashion item. They protect eyes from UV radiation. Many children's' sunglasses available provide little or no protection from UV radiation. Fashion sunglasses do not protect eyes and should be avoided as these are not suitable for sun protection. For this reason, please make a written request to the Head Teacher if your child has a medical condition or need which requires them to wear sunglasses to school.

4. REVIEW OF POLICY

The school's policy will be reviewed when:

- Two years have elapsed.
- There has been a significant change in staffing or pupil intake.
- There has been a significant change in Government guidelines

R GODWIN
HEAD TEACHER
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This policy was ratified by the full governing body.

Date of Meeting:

Signed Chair of Governors.

