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Purpose

The purpose of this protocol is to ensure that all pupils are protected from the sun during warmer weather while also safeguarding the health and wellbeing of pupils with allergies or sensitivities. The protocol sets out clear arrangements that reduce the risk of allergic reactions and ensure effective sun protection for all children.

Scope

This protocol applies to all pupils attending the school and to all staff responsible for pupil care and supervision during the school day.

Rationale

A number of pupils within the school community have allergies or sensitivities to ingredients commonly found in sun creams. Some products may contain nut-based oils or other substances that can cause allergic reactions if applied directly to the skin. When sun cream is brought into school by pupils, there is an increased risk of products being shared, mixed up, or incorrectly applied. In addition, where children apply sun cream themselves, it is often applied inconsistently, increasing the risk of sunburn.

Protocol Arrangements

1. Application at Home

Parents and carers are required to apply a long-lasting sun cream to their child at home before the start of the school day. An eight-hour sun cream applied at approximately 8.00am should provide protection throughout the school day until 4.00pm.

2. Sun Cream in School

Sun cream must not be brought into school for use during the school day. This includes sun cream for self-application by pupil, except in cases outlined under medical arrangements below.

3. Allergy Management

This protocol is in place to protect pupils with allergies and sensitivities. The risk relates to sun cream being applied directly to a child's skin rather than being near another child who is wearing sun cream. Preventing sun cream from being brought into school removes the risk of accidental application of an unsuitable product.

4. Medical Exceptions

Where there is a confirmed medical reason that requires sun cream to be applied during the school day, parents or carers must contact the school office and provide supporting information from a relevant medical professional. In these cases, an individual care plan will be agreed. Any sun cream provided under a care plan will be stored securely in the medical room and administered individually to the named pupil only.

5. **Recommended Products**

Parents may wish to consider long lasting sun creams designed for all day protection.

Examples include:

- Soltan Kids Once Protect and Play SPF50+
- Soltan Kids Once 8 Hour Protect and Play SPF50
- Calypso All School Day Long Sun Lotion

These examples are provided for guidance only.

6. **Sun Hats and Additional Protection**

Pupils are encouraged to wear sun hats when outdoors during warm weather. Parents are asked to ensure their child brings a suitable sun hat to school. Staff will remind pupils to wear their sun hats when outside.

Monitoring and Review

This protocol will be reviewed regularly to ensure it remains effective and appropriate for the needs of the school community.

Responsibilities

Parents and carers are responsible for ensuring sun cream is applied before school and that pupils bring appropriate sun protection, such as a sun hat. The school is responsible for reinforcing this protocol and supporting individual pupils through care plans where medically required.