

## Maple Medical PRU

### SUN SAFETY POLICY

#### **Rationale**

Maple Medical PRU believes in Sun Safety to ensure that pupils, babies and staff are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays in sunlight.

As part of the Sun Safety Policy, our school will:

- Educate pupils about the cause of skin cancer and how to protect their skin.
- Encourage pupils to wear clothes that provide good sun protection, and use sunscreens where appropriate.
- Ensure that a reminder about sun protection goes into letters to parents/carers about visits during the relevant terms.
- Educate pupils about different skin types and colours and specialist products available for pupils with non-white skin
- Encourage pupils to use after sun to help their skin recover after sun exposure
- Encourage pupils to wear clothing which covers areas likely to burn e.g. t shirts with shoulders
- Inform pupils and staff about the symptoms and dangers of sun stroke
- Encourage pupils and staff to drink water during hot weather to prevent dehydration
- Hold outdoor activities in areas of shade whenever possible, and encourage pupils to use shady areas during breaks, lunch hours, sports and trips. Sunbathing is discouraged.
- Work towards increasing the provision of adequate shade for everybody.
- Encourage staff and parents/ carers to act as good role models by practising sun safety.
- Regularly remind pupils, staff and parents/ carers about sun safety through newsletters, letters re. visits and activities for pupils.
- Make sure the Sun Safety Policy is working. We will regularly monitor our curriculum, assess shade provision, and review the sun safety behaviour of pupils and staff (the use of hats, shade etc.).
- Encourage pupils to apply their own sun cream (supplied by home) before break/lunch time or as necessary. Younger/less able pupils may need support with this and this should be set out in their care plan.
- Display sun safety advice at appropriate times in the year.

There is a separate policy for the babies in the nursery.

**Date of Policy**                      May 2018

**Date of Review**                      May 2020

**Signed**

**Head teacher**.....

**Chair Management Committee**.....