Policy Document for: Sunscreen

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Timu Academy Trust schools believe in promoting Sun Safety to ensure that children and staff are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays in sunlight. As part of our work with children, our schools will:

- Educate children throughout the curriculum about the causes of skin cancer and how to protect their skin;
- Encourage children to wear clothes that provide good sun protection, and use sunscreens where appropriate;
- Seek shade, particularly in the middle of the day and to use shady areas during breaks, lunchtimes, sports and trips;
- Encourage staff and parents to act as good role models by practising sun safety;
- Regularly remind children, staff and parents about sun safety through newsletters, posters and activities for pupils;
- Drink plenty of water during hot, sunny weather;
- Make sure the use of Sun Screens Policy is working. We will regularly monitor our curriculum, assess shade provision, and review the sun safety behaviour of pupils and staff (use of hats, shade, etc).

Timu Academy Trust wishes to encourage pupils to protect themselves from the sun. One way of doing this is to use sunscreen at the appropriate time. School requests that parents and carers protect their child/ren with long lasting sunscreen before they arrive at school in the morning.

If a pupil is to use sunscreen at school during the day, parents are asked to:

1. Provide the sunscreen product for school use. The sunscreen must be clearly marked with the child's name, and replenished by the parent as needed.
2. The sunscreen product will be stored in the child's book bag or other location designated by the teacher.
3. The child must be able to apply his or her own sunscreen.
4. If your child has any allergies or skin sensitivities, the parent/carer may want to check with the GP before providing a sunscreen. The school will inform you if your child has any adverse reaction that may be due to the sunscreen.