

STUDENT SUN PROTECTION POLICY

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POLICY PURPOSE

It is the policy of Communicare Academy that staff will ensure that sun protection is provided for students while they are on school premises during school hours or undertaking school activities. This policy relates to the management of students who are enrolled in and attend the Academy.

The provision of health care is necessary to promote and maintain the health and wellbeing of all students.

Sun care provision includes:

- promoting the use of sun protection in order to maintain the health, safety and welfare of all students;
- informing and preparing staff to meet their sun protection duty of care objectives
- providing staff with access to advice, resources and training when planning to meet the sun protection needs of students

PROCEDURE

1	When students are outside, staff must encourage students to wear SUNSMART hats (eg.broad brimmed or legionnaire hats) that cover the face, ears and neck.
2	All students should be encouraged to use the schools designated shade areas.
3	Parents are encouraged to supply 30+ broad spectrum and water repellent sunscreen as part of their child's school equipment.
4	Sunscreen will be made available for students in situations where students have not provided it, it has been forgotten or at any outdoor event or activity.
5	Students are encouraged to apply sunscreen themselves during outdoor activities
6	Staff to supervise application of sun screen when necessary
7	Sunscreen to optimally be applied 20 minutes before an outside activity
8	Parents/ of children who are allergic to sunscreen must notify the school on the school medical form at the beginning of each school year. Parents have the option of providing a hypoallergenic sunscreen for their children.
9	If a child is allergic to sunscreen it is strongly suggested that the parents provide the child with a long sleeve SUNSMART shirt and pants for use during prolonged activities outside in the summer months.
10	Staff to role model good sun protection behaviours by applying sunscreen where practicable and by wearing appropriate SUNSMART hats and clothing during outside activities.

ADDITIONAL POLICY REFERRAL

- 001 Anaphylaxis Policy
- 004 Behaviour Management Policy