

Sun Safety Policy

Governors' Committee Responsible: Learning and Welfare
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Rationale

This policy represents the agreed principles for sun protection throughout St James C of E Primary School. It has been agreed by the governors and the school staff.

We want our staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely. We believe that sun safety is important to ensure that pupils and staff are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays in sunlight. We will work with staff, pupils and parents/guardians to achieve this.

Education

- All pupils will learn about sun safety and protecting their skin through the RSHE curriculum at least once a year.
- We will talk about how to be 'Sun Smart' in assemblies at the start of the summer term every year.
- At the beginning of the summer term every year, parents/guardians will be sent a letter reminding them of the dangers of sun exposure and preventative measures, and informing them of our sun safety policy. It will explain what the school is doing about sun protection and how parents/guardians are asked to help.
- Staff will be reminded in April every year about the school's sun safety policy and the 'Sun Smart' lessons that can be delivered. Information will be made available in the staff room.
- Pupils will be told to about the importance of drinking more water when it is hot and will be encouraged to bring water to school and to make use of water coolers / drinks stations.
- We will regularly remind pupils, staff and parents/guardians about sun safety through newsletters and letters regarding educational visits and activities for pupils.
- Staff will be encouraged to praise pupils that adhere to sun protection guidelines.
- Staff will be encouraged to remind pupils of the need for sun protection during social times if they are ignoring guidelines.

Protection

We will provide an environment that enables pupils and staff to stay safe in the sun.

Shading

- Staff will encourage pupils to use shady areas of the school and its grounds during breaks, lunch hours, sports days and trips out.
- We will hold outdoor activities in areas of shade whenever possible.
- Children will be encouraged to spend time in the shade on hot/sunny days, shaded areas can be found on the school field and on the grass verge on the playground.
- We will work towards increasing the provision of adequate shade for all pupils and staff, by providing additional shade using sails, parasols etc. on the playground during the summer term.

Timetabling

- If the sun is too hot, PE lessons or any outdoor lessons will be held indoors, will be held under shade or will have their time slot changed.

Clothing

- We will actively encourage all pupils to wear a sunhat (ideally with a protective back flap) when playing outside.
- Staff can wear hats when on outdoor duty or delivering lessons outdoors.
- Pupils will wear t-shirts during PE or outdoor lessons to cover up their shoulders.
- We will encourage staff and parents/guardians to act as good role models by practising sun safety
- Parents/guardians will be asked to ensure their children wear appropriate cover clothing during sunny periods

Sunscreen

- The use of factor 30+ all day sunscreen will be encouraged across the whole school day and during outdoor school trips or visits.
- We will remind parents/guardians to provide their children with sunscreen for school trips and events.
- **We will not hold a stock of sunscreen in the school.**

Foundation / Key Stage 1

- Parents/guardians will be asked to apply sunscreen to their children before they come to school.
- If children bring sun cream to school, it must be labelled with the pupil's name and will be stored in their tray in the classroom. This will be made available to the children ahead of breaktimes and lunchtimes.
- Pupils will be supervised with the application of their sunscreen.

Key Stage 2

- Parents/guardians will be asked to apply sunscreen to their children before they come to school.
- Parents/guardians will be asked to provide their children with their own sunscreen to bring to school so that they can apply it themselves.
- The pupils will be encouraged to apply sunscreen themselves before playtimes and lunchtimes.

Staff

- Staff will be encouraged to wear sunscreen during PE or outdoor lessons and when on playground duty.

Review

This policy will be reviewed every 2 years.