

Sun Policy

St Francis' Catholic Primary School



Ensuring for all an excellent child-centred education within a Christ-centred philosophy

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At school we want staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely. In the first instance, we encourage parents to apply sunscreen to children before the start of the school day, which should protect them for the duration of the day.

We will work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this through:

EDUCATION

- Teachers will talk to children in classes about keeping safe in the sun
- All staff understand the importance of keeping children and themselves safe from over-exposure to the sun
- We will talk about how to be *SunSmart* in assemblies at the start of the summer term
- Parents will receive regular reminders through the school newsletter of the importance of helping their children be *sunsmart*

PROTECTION

Shade:

- We use natural and artificial shade to give children regular 'sun breaks' during outside activities including PE, playtime and outdoor learning

Clothing:

- We encourage all children and staff to wear hats outside on sunny days

Hydration

- Children are encouraged to bring water bottles into school and have regular access to water during lessons, at lunch and in PE and play

Sunscreen:

- No staff are permitted to apply sunscreen to children under any circumstances
- Children may bring clearly labelled containers of sunscreen to school which they keep in their bag or drawer and they will be given time to apply the lotion to themselves before play or during PE lessons
- There are many sun creams now which might alleviate the necessity of children bringing sunscreen into school
- Sunscreen brought into school should be easy to apply by the child and non-spilling
- Teachers will supervise the application of sunscreen for younger pupils (year R and 1) but are still not permitted to assist the child with the application of the lotion directly onto the child's body
- Children must use sunscreen sensibly and appropriately
- Sun cream will be made available to staff