

St Mary's C of E Primary School Westbury

Sun Safety Policy

As a C of E school, we want to ensure each policy reflects the Christian Ethos which affects the very core of our school. We consider the importance of including, supporting and encouraging each child to reach their potential within an environment of acceptance and respect as the key aspects of what our school represents. It encompasses our school motto of Achievement, Creativity and Equality with the intention of providing opportunities for each child to know their value as an individual in every area of school life; preparing them for the future. This is the aim of each member of staff with the full support of the governing body.

Summer clothing

Parents are requested to make sure that the children have a hat in school at all times in the summer. We suggest that children are, where possible, covered up. Any exposed areas should be covered with sun cream. Children should keep their shoulders covered at all times. Vest or strappy tops are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn in school.

Children who do not have hats in school can, on some occasions, borrow a hat from the supply in the school. There are not a huge number of hats available so any children without a hat will be requested to remain in the shaded areas during break times, outdoor classroom sessions or PE lessons. Children can wear UV protected sunglasses when outdoors.

Breaks / lunchtimes and organized events, e.g. trips and sports day.

We seek to ensure that pupils spend time in the shade and are not exposed to direct sunlight for extended periods of time between 11am and 3pm when the sun is at its strongest. Outdoor activities, where possible, should be planned outside of these hours. We will try to ensure that shade is available in the area where an event is being held. This could include temporary shade structures (umbrellas or canopies) if there isn't enough shade from the buildings and trees. Water should be provided for students and parents to prevent dehydration.

Staff should take account of local weather forecasts.

Shade

Use should be made of shade around or in the school, and if applicable the provision of temporary additional sunshades should be considered. Seats and equipment should be moved to shady areas.

Sunscreen

At St Mary's we suggest that sun cream has a minimum sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 and should be broad spectrum to protect against both UVA and UVB rays. A long lasting brand of sun cream, such as 'ONCE' should be applied at home before the start of the school day. These varieties last up to 6 hours. If this is not possible, sun cream can be bought into school. This

