



Sun Protection

School Guidelines and Procedures

Reporting to the Governors' Welfare and Inclusion Committee.

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Our Mission Statement

Our mission is to be a happy, caring and compassionate Catholic community where each child's gifts are developed to the full and the foundations for lifelong learning are laid down.

Everyone will be supported, nurtured and inspired to be the very best they can be and to persevere to overcome life's challenges.

With God's help, we will educate our children to live safely and responsibly, to care for His wonderful creation and to live their lives through the example of Jesus and the values of the Gospel.

Jesus said, "Love one another as I have loved you."

At St Dunstan's Catholic Primary School every effort is made to create a Christian, caring family based on our Mission Statement, where everyone is valued. We believe children should respect themselves, each other and all adults within our community and God's world in which we live.

Introduction

We take sun protection awareness very seriously. We want to ensure that all our children and staff can enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff, children and parents to achieve this through:

1. Education
2. Protection
3. Collaboration

1. Education

It is important to raise awareness of why we need sun protection and to encourage pupils to think about how they behave in the sun.

Teachers will actively promote sun protection to pupils in particular before and during the summer term in order to increase pupil knowledge and influence the children's behaviour.

In addition, a letter or section of our newsletter will remind parents/carers about our sun protection policy at the beginning of the summer term each year

2. Protection

The school will endeavour to provide an environment that enables pupils and staff to stay safe in the sun. When the weather is hot, the school commits to:

- Encouraging children to stay out of direct sun and stay in the shaded areas of the school grounds whilst outdoors
- Limiting vigorous physical activity on very hot days, such as when the temperatures are in excess of 30°C.
- Encouraging pupils to access fresh water from the water foundations which are in all playgrounds and to refill their water bottles to prevent dehydration
- Reminding children to wear their hats for playtime
- Keeping the school environment as cool as possible eg by pulling down blinds, opening windows, keeping out of direct sunlight

3. Collaboration

Parents play a vital part in ensuring that their children are safe in the sun during the school day.

During the hot weather, we ask that parents ensure that they:

- Apply sun cream on their child before school (8 hour protection is available to cover the duration of the school day)
- Ensure their child has a school hat (these are available to buy from the school office) and encourage their child to wear it
- Supply their child with a water bottle and inform them of the importance of staying hydrated in the sun.
- Reinforce awareness about sun safety at home.