



ST DUNSTAN'S, CHEAM, C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Policy Subject: Sun Safety

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Vision Statement

'Guided by God to love, trust, hope, serve and inspire the best in everyone.'

For all members of our school family we celebrate:

- excellent achievement and progress in all that we do
- learning for life in all its fullness
- Christian values alive within our school
- being at the heart of our community

Introduction

At St Dunstan's we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and want pupils and staff to enjoy the sun safely. The aim of this sun safety policy is to protect children and staff from skin damage by the effects of ultraviolet radiation from the sun.

The main elements of this policy are:

- Protection: providing an environment that enables children and staff to stay safe in the sun.
- Education: learning about sun safety to increase knowledge and influence behaviour
- Collaboration: working with parents/carers, the management structure and the wider community to reinforce awareness about sun safety.

Protection

- When the sun is strong we will encourage pupils to sit/play in the shade where it is available.
- Where possible, outdoor activities, such as PE, will take place in the shade.
- During hot weather, where possible, all doors and windows should be opened to provide a through breeze and classroom blinds should be drawn.
- Children and staff will have access to fresh drinking water throughout the day. Children are encouraged to bring in fresh water, in a named water bottle, to school for use throughout the day. The water bottle should be no bigger than 500ml.
- We will actively encourage all pupils to wear a sunhat (in line with the school uniform guidelines) when playing outside.

- The School does not object if a pupil needs to wear sunglasses on a sunny day, but does not accept any liability for sunglasses that get broken or go missing.
- We will ensure pupils wear school and PE uniforms that keep shoulders covered.
- Parents are encouraged to apply a long lasting, good quality sunscreen to children at the start of the school day. We do not supply sunscreen. If parents choose to send in sunscreen for application throughout the day then the children must apply this themselves, staff will not apply sunscreen. The sunscreen must be named and cannot be shared with other children.
- We will encourage staff and parents/carers to act as good role models by practising sun safety.

Education

- Children will learn about sun safety in PSHE lessons in the Summer Term.
- An annual Collective Worship on sun safety will be held in the Summer Term each year.
- The children will complete a range of activities recommended by the National Sun Safe Accreditation Scheme.
- The children will be taught why the sun is good and how it can also be damaging and the importance of sun protection.
- The children will learn about UV levels and we will monitor this daily. All classes will have the UV levels displayed in the classroom.

Collaboration:

- All staff, governors and parents will work together to ensure the message of sun safety is shared with the children. All adults will be good sun safe role models.
- Parents will be reminded to apply sunscreen and send children to school with their sun hats.
- Information on sun safety will be provided through the school website, newsletters and Parentmail.
- Parents will be reminded of our sun safe procedures during the Summer Term.

The PSHE subject leader will regularly monitor and review the effectiveness of this policy and will update the policy on an annual basis. We will aim for an annual 'Sun Safe School Accreditation' with the Sun Safe Schools National Scheme to show our commitment to the topic of sun safety.