

All Saints' CE(A) First School Sun Protection Policy

At All Saints' we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and want staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this through:

EDUCATION:

- We talk about how to be Sun Smart in lessons.
- Parents and guardians will be sent a letter/text explaining how they can help.

PROTECTION – Shade:

- When the sun is strong we will encourage pupils to sit/play in the shade where it is available, particularly under the trees.
- We have created artificial shade e.g. outdoor classroom, breeze house, EYFS deck in areas to increase protection. We will encourage the use of shaded areas in sunny weather.

Clothing/Drinks:

- Parents are expected to send their children with a named sun hat and water bottle in sunny weather.
- We will remind the children to wear their hats and drink plenty of water in sunny weather.

Sunscreen:

- Sunscreen use will be encouraged on days when the sun is strong during summer.
- We expect all parents to apply a high factor, waterproof sunscreen to their child before school to ensure they are protected during the day.
- We send letters/texts home periodically to remind parents to apply sunscreen on days when the sun is strong during the summer months.
- If parents wish to, their child is able to bring sunscreen in a named bottle, for application during the day.
- Unless children have a specific need, covered in a care plan, we do not generally apply sunscreen for the children. We will remind the children to apply sunscreen, and supervise application where needed.
- We do not supply sunscreen.

Parents must understand that each teacher has 30 children to supervise. Children must come to school wearing sun cream to ensure that they are well protected.

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Now the summer term has started, I wanted to write to remind you about our **sun protection policy**.

The sun's rays are particularly strong over the summer and they can damage children's skin. This may not seem like a problem right now, as the weather is dreadful, but at times it is a serious issue for the children.

Too much sun exposure can lead to **skin cancer** in later life. Your child's health and well-being are very important to us, which is why we:

- Have provided more shade in the playground, and encourage them to use the shade of the trees and structures during outside activities.
- Encourage children to wear hats when outside.
- Encourage children to use a high factor children's sunscreen in summer months.

More details of these and other sun protection procedures can be found in our sun protection policy which I am attaching to this letter.

Your support is very important if our new policies are going to work. You can help by:

- Talking to your child about the importance of sun protection at home, and teaching them to apply sun cream carefully.
- Sending your child to school with a hat (named and preferable wide-brimmed).
- Applying sun cream to your child before school in the summer months, even if the day starts out dull.
- Sending your child to school with additional sun cream in a named container.
- Sending your child into school with a named water bottle.

Please understand that it is simply not possible for 1 teacher to apply sun cream at breaks and lunch to 30 children. Even if application took one minute per child, break would be over before half the class had left the classroom. It is for this reason it is vital that your child comes with waterproof sun cream already applied.

We will of course supervise children who wish to top up their sun cream, and encourage them to do so carefully. We will also remind the children to drink plenty of water, stay in shady areas and wear their hats.

Together I hope we can have a very happy and safe term to come!

Regards,

Elizabeth Allbutt
Head Teacher