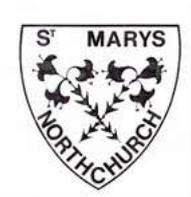


Excellence Together, Learning Through Faith.



St Mary's C of E (VA) Primary School

As a Church School we seek to ensure that the ethos and principles of Christianity underpin the experiences of the children in our care.

“St Mary’s is an inclusive school where we believe that all people are of equal value, irrespective of their ethnicity, culture, religion, gender, ability or sexual identity. We recognise and respect their differences.”

Sun Protection Policy

This policy is GDPR compliant.

Date of issue: February 2014

Last reviewed/adopted: December 2018 (Academic Standards Committee)

Next review date: Autumn 2021

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Aim

At St Mary's we want staff and pupils to enjoy the outdoors and to be safe in the sun. We will achieve this through planning, education and protection.

The damage that can be caused by over exposure to the sun is now widely acknowledged. Too much sun can cause skin damage including sunburn, premature ageing and skin cancer. This is an issue for all ages, but extra care needs to be taken with children as sunburn in childhood can lead to long term skin damage.

Thorough planning of outdoor activities

When planning such events/activities, staff are to consider the dangers of over exposure to sun. This factor should be considered when preparing the activity risk assessment so that adequate precautions can be made. The following precautionary measures should be taken in to account.

- Minimise the risks by limiting the amount of time that pupils are required to spend exposed to the sun.
- Consider the timing of events; the sun's harmful rays are most intense between midday and early afternoon.
- When it is very hot, keep children out of the sun altogether.
- Make use of all available shade provided by buildings, trees, etc.

Education

- All pupils will receive at least one PSHE lesson/assembly in the summer term and outlining the dangers of not protecting our skin in the sun.
- News letters will advise parents of correctly preparing their child for coming to school on a hot day, this checklist will include
 - ensuring their child has a **high factor 6 hour** sun protection cream applied before coming to school
 - ensuring pupils have a bottle of high factor sun lotion (preferably roller ball) in school; named and in a clear plastic bag
 - ensuring their child has a hat with them in school
 - ensuring their child has a fresh bottle of drinking water every day in school.

Protection

- Pupils will be encouraged to make use of natural shade.
- Staff will remind all children have hats on when outdoors.

Sunscreen

- Parents will be encouraged to put a high factor 6 hour protection sun cream on their children before they come to school.
- Parents could provide appropriate sunscreen products (preferably roller ball) for their own child(ren); named and in a clear plastic bag.
- Teachers and others in positions of responsibility should ensure that these are used correctly.
- Children should apply their own sun screens wherever possible. Where parents are present, say for sports day, they should be encouraged to check/apply sunscreen to their child(ren) as required.
- In certain circumstances, children may need assistance with the application of sunscreen. Where this is the case, staff must avoid compromising situations by always ensuring that a second member of staff is present during the application.

It is not the intention of this policy to discourage or to exclude any child from participating in any planned outdoor activity. However, we do have a duty of care to look after the welfare of pupils, and it may, in certain circumstances, be necessary for pupils who are inappropriately dressed or prepared, to avoid or minimise exposure by “sitting out” of the sun as much as possible.