



St John the Baptist Church of England Primary School

Sun Safe Policy	
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The Governors of St John the Baptist Church of England Primary School recognize that the sun's ultraviolet (UV) radiation can cause skin cancer. To help prevent the development of skin cancer, children shall receive instruction, encouragement, and environmental support to avoid overexposure to the sun when they are outdoors.

Children shall be allowed, year-round, to wear articles of sun-protective clothing, including hats, when outdoors, and shall be strongly encouraged to do so between May and September. Hats that cover the back of the neck as well as the head offer the best protection. School uniform provides a degree of protection from the sun. On outdoor days / non uniform days, shoulders should be covered at all times to protect from sun damage.

Sunscreen and Lip Balm

Children shall be allowed, to use sunscreen and / or sun-protective lip balm. Products should be provided by parents / carers and be clearly named. Children should not share others' sun care products. Sunscreen should be applied by parents / carers before school and children will have the opportunity to reapply it themselves at 12 noon. School staff are not permitted to apply sunscreen.

Sunglasses

When children are outdoors they shall be allowed, year-round, to wear sunglasses that protect the eyes from UV rays, and they shall be encouraged to do so between May and September.

School Environment

Shade Options

Activities taking place outdoors should be scheduled between 9am and 11am so far as is possible, and any activities after 11am should take place with adequate provision for working in shade. The school site has lots of shady corners in the playgrounds and woodland areas which should be utilized by staff for children to be kept safe.

Instruction

Teachers shall provide education once a year at least that relates to sun safety, including information about the harmful effects of UV rays and recommended practices for preventing skin cancer.

Parent / Carer Communication

The school shall inform parents / carers about the importance of, and strategies for, preventing skin cancer, and shall alert them that the risk of developing skin cancer is highest for individuals with lightly or moderately pigmented skin. The communication shall include, but shall not be limited to, details of the school policy relating to hats, sun-protective clothing, sunscreen usage, uniforms, and sunglasses. Schools shall also urge families to reinforce sun-safe behaviour outside the school and to support the school's sun safety programs.

Personnel

All personnel shall be educated about skin cancer's impact and prevention, including sun protection methods. Employees shall be strongly encouraged to protect themselves from overexposure to the sun and to model sun-safe behaviour for children, in wearing suitable hats and sunglasses and applying sun screen.

Evaluation

Schools shall evaluate and revise sun safety teaching and address identified shade needs, every three years.