

St. Francis CE (Aided) Junior School



Sun Safety Policy

Our Vision

St. Francis' is a school where Christian Values underpin all interactions between stakeholders. We value all learners and promote inclusivity so all members of our St. Francis' family can be the best they can be (Matthew 5: 14-16). Our ethos is one of compassion and responsibility to everyone in the community. Within St. Francis, we encourage all children to show humility and endurance in lifelong learning.

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St Francis CE (Aided) Junior School believes in promoting sun safety to ensure that children and staff are protected from skin danger caused by harmful ultra-violet rays in sunlight. Malignant melanoma, the most dangerous type of skin cancer in adults, is known to be caused by sunburn in childhood.

As part of our Sun Safety Policy, our school will:

- Educate children throughout the curriculum about the causes of skin cancer and how to protect their skin
- Encourage children to wear clothes that provide good sun protection, and use sunscreen where appropriate
- Seek shade, particularly in the middle of the day and to use shady areas during breaks, lunchtimes, sports day and during trips
- Encourage staff and parents/carers to act as good role models by practicing sun safety
- Regularly remind children, staff and parents/carers about sun safety through newsletters, posters and activities for pupils
- Drink plenty of water during hot, sunny weather
- Regularly monitor the use of this policy to ensure that it remains fit for purpose.

We will regularly monitor our curriculum, assess shade provision and review the sun safety behaviour of pupils and staff (use of hats and shade etc.). Our school wishes to encourage pupils to protect themselves from the sun.

We ask that parents/carers to apply a high factor and/or one application sun screen at home before school as staff are unable to apply sun screen to children in school.

This policy is subject to review every three years.