



St Martin's School

Sun Safe Policy

Introduction

We recognise that some sun is good for us but that over exposure to UV radiation is a safeguarding issue for schools. Without adequate protection, a child's delicate skin can easily burn, causing cumulative and irreparable damage.

Policy Aims

We aim to educate our children and their parents so that we increase knowledge and influence behaviours; ensuring that children are protected against UV radiation and learn how to enjoy the sun safely.

Clothing and Sun hats

- St. Martin's School uniform is such that children's shoulders, and the tops of their arms are covered at all times.
- Parents are reminded at the beginning of the summer and autumn terms of our Sun Safe policy.
- Sun hats are available in school for purchase. These are blue legionnaire style to ensure the protection of the children's necks. Older baseball style caps will be phased out.
- Staff actively remind children each day to check the UV level displays in the playgrounds and to wear hats if the level is 3 or higher. Children not wearing hats are asked to play in the shade.

Hydration

- All children are required to have a St. Martin's water bottle at school each day which has been washed and filled with clean water. Children may refill bottles as necessary.
- Children have access to their water bottles at all times, in addition to

Sunscreen

- Children are expected to arrive at school wearing sunscreen during the hotter months. They are also asked to keep some in their bags to reapply at lunchtime.
- Staff remind children at lunchtime to reapply sunscreen when UV levels are 3 or above.
- Assistance is provided to younger or less able pupils if necessary.

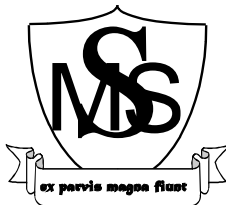
Shade

- At St Martin's we are committed to providing shade for our pupils to utilise when UV levels are 3 or above. Features such as buildings provide some shade naturally.
- Further shade will be provided by canopies between the climbing equipment and one of the outdoor classrooms to one side and the fence to the other.
- Gazebos will be utilised as necessary.

UV monitoring

- The Assistant Head is responsible for checking the UV forecast each day and displaying the UV level.
- UV levels are displayed in the main playground.
- Children and staff should take note of this daily.

Sun safety Education



Children at St Martin's are educated about sun safety in a variety of ways.

- An annual whole school assembly is held which teaches them about the five Ss of sun safety.
- PSHE lessons during the summer term using Sun Safe Schools resources.
- Frequent reminders of correct sun safe behaviour.

Staff and Role modelling

- We ask that all staff model good sun safety behaviour and that this is visible to the children.
- Staff are committed to modelling good sun safety practises and to ensure that children take adequate measures to be sun safe.
- Staff consider UV levels when planning outdoor activities.

Parents

- St. Martin's Sun Safe policy is on our website for parents to read.
- Our expectations and requests are shared with parents in writing at the end of the spring term each year, in preparation for the summer term.
- Information provided by Sun Safe Schools is also shared with parents.

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