

Summer 2019

Review: Autumn 2022

At St Mary's CofE Primary School and Little Oaks Nursery, the staff and governors are fully aware of the dangers that over exposure to sunlight can have on the skin. We believe that a good grounding in sun safe practices will help to ensure that the children can always be safe in the sun. The following statement sets out the main aspects of our policy to protect children.

As a school we:

- Develop awareness of sun safety delivered through the Personal, Social and Health Education curriculum for staff and children through the provision of information and available resources to teachers.
- Communicate expectations to parents through information via newsletter reminders, including relevant websites to visit, and information leaflets where available.
- Adopt rigorous procedures in line with this statement to protect children.

Application of Sun Cream

Parents are asked to apply sunscreen before the start of school. This ensures that there is no cross contamination, or the possibility of allergic reaction.

Supportive strategies

1. A pro-active supervision procedure during lunchtimes. This includes checking children have the appropriate attire e.g. sunhats, encouraging use of shaded areas in which to play. This will focus on those children who do not have protective clothing.
2. Children must have a sunhat in school during the summer months.
3. Provision of information to parents on the type and recommended preventative strategies for sun safety.
4. Encourage and ensure through advance notice that parents use a preventative approach on special all day occasions like Sports Day and school trips.
5. The provision of a balance of indoor and outdoor activities in the Summer Term, with special regard to the location of activities, e.g. the use of shaded areas on the field, covered areas in Early Years, and reducing the amount of time outside during lunchtime on very hot days. Little Oaks will not use the outdoor space between the hours of 12 noon and 2.00pm on very hot days.
6. Use of the shaded verandah areas on the playground.