



SUN PROTECTION POLICY

Date: June 2021

Review date: June 2022

MISSION STATEMENT

The school's mission is to identify and develop to the full the natural talents and potential of each individual pupil and to prepare them all for a full, happy, healthy, active and productive life. The school seeks to achieve this within the context of the culture, ethics and values of the Christian faith emphasising those strong moral and spiritual tenets shared with other faiths.

EDUCATION

A school assembly will be given by the Health and Wellbeing Coordinator each summer term on keeping safe in the sun.

Staff will explain to pupils why they must wear a hat and sunscreen when playing outdoors. Staff are also encouraged to role model for children by wearing hats and sunscreen themselves.

In the Early Years (who may not be present for the assembly) each class will have a discussion about keeping safe in the sun.

Parents and guardians will be sent a letter explaining what we are doing about sun protection and what the children should bring to school. They will be reminded that on sunny days, they must ensure that their daughter has sunscreen thoroughly applied, before going to school in the morning. This is particularly relevant during the Covid-19 pandemic where staff are unable to apply sunscreen to any pupils.

PROTECTION

Clothing:

- Girls should have sun hats at school. These should either be official school hats, or in the Early Years, a hat with a brim. School will have a number of sunhats available if anyone has forgotten or lost theirs (however we will not be able to loan sun hats during the Covid-19 pandemic).

Sunscreen:

- Pupils will need to bring in their own clearly labeled bottle of sunscreen. (This should be a high quality sun cream – minimum SPF30+ with broad spectrum 4* UVA and UBA protection.) They may apply this to themselves under the supervision of an adult. Adults should not assist pupils in this, except in **exceptional** medical circumstances which are agreed by the Headmistress. An adult should never be alone with a child when assisting such a child. School will make available additional sunscreen for outdoor activities where girls may have forgotten, lost or run out of theirs.

Shade:

- Two large umbrellas can be opened on the playground to provide a shaded area.
- Children can rest or play in this area or other shady areas; under the playhouse or in the beach huts. Gazebos are also available to provide shade and can be erected as necessary.

Water:

- Water is available both in the playground and in the lavatories, via the water fountains. During the Covid-19 pandemic, water is delivered to the classrooms in covered jugs each day to ensure that pupils can top up their water bottles.
- Pupils are required to bring their own bottle of water to school every day.

Sunglasses:

- Girls may wear sunglasses outside only.

Linked guidance, policies and procedures:

[Keeping Children Safe in Education \(KCSIE\) statutory guidance](#)

[Working together to safeguard children](#)

<http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/skin/Pages/SunSAFE.aspx>

[Relevant school policies:](#)

Keeping Children Safe in Education, Child protection Policy and Code of Conduct.