



St Martin and St Mary CofE Primary School

SUN SAFETY POLICY

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REVIEW SHEET

The information in the table below details earlier versions of this document with a brief description of each review and how to distinguish amendments made since the previous version date (if any).

Version Number	Version Description	Date of Revision
v1	Original	Feb 2020
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Our School Vision and Values

As a Christian school, St Martin and St Mary is an inclusive and happy community; nurturing confidence, a thirst for learning and resilience in a safe loving environment. Our priority is developing the whole child spiritually, emotionally, physically and academically to live the most rewarding life.

'Life in all its fullness' John 10.10

Our school values are at the core of everything we do. They underpin our teaching and learning, and provide an environment which prepares our pupils as confident, happy citizens. The aim of this school is to provide a rich, broad and balanced education within a caring and stimulating Christian environment, serving the whole school community. To create an environment in which learners are encouraged to fulfil their potential and make a positive contribution to their society.

At St Martin and St Mary these are the Christian values that are the most important for our school. These values help make our school a great place to be.

Friendship Love Forgiveness Trust Honesty Faith

Governors and staff are fully aware of the dangers that over exposure to sunlight can have on skin. The following sets out the how we plan to protect children. This should be read in conjunction with the school Health and Safety policy.

There are two parts to the policy, the implementation of safe school practice and the supporting strategies.

Implementation:

As a school we will:

1. Develop staff and pupil awareness i.e. through newsletters and through the messages we give to children in the classrooms and settings.
2. Provide parents/carers with information about sun protection requirements at school.
3. Implement a sun protection programme: The main points are:
 - Where possible: Reduce sun exposure between 11am and 4pm
 - Seek shade or create your own shade
 - Ensure pupils and staff wear hats
 - Encourage the correct use of Sunscreen
4. Allow other sun safety precautions including wearing UV protective sunglasses, using lip balm with a SPF of 15 or greater.

Application of Sun Cream:

- Parents will be encouraged to apply cream before the start of school. There are proprietary products on the market that only need to be applied once per day.
- Teachers and other staff members are not encouraged, and cannot be required, to apply sunscreen to pupils, due to the potential for allegations of abuse.

Should a child need to have additional sun screen applied:


- Staff will only apply sun cream to pupils who cannot manage to apply it themselves appropriately. At our school it is anticipated that this will be the case for the younger children.
- Sunscreen will be self-administered, under supervision, wherever possible.
- If children need to have sunscreen in school parents are asked to provide sunscreen in an original bottle labelled with their name.
- School does not have a supply of sunscreen, children can only use their own.
- Sunscreen will be stored in a cool, dry place, and the expiry date will be monitored.
- Children and Staff will only apply a child's own sunscreen. Children cannot share sunscreen

Should a member of staff need to apply sunscreen:

- Staff may help children apply sunscreen to face, neck and arms.
- Only children should apply cream to their own legs.
- Adults may only apply cream when another adult is present

Supporting strategies:

1. School has a proactive supervision procedure during the dinner break (i.e. check pupils for appropriate attire – sunhats etc., encourage the use of shade etc). This will particularly focus on pupils whose parents have not provided them with either cream or protective clothing.
2. Sunhats will be considered to be part of school uniform and children will be actively encouraged to wear them. For Nursery and Pre-School children spare sun hats are available for children to borrow.
3. School will provide parents with information on the type and recommended preventive strategies for sun safety through school newsletters.
4. School will encourage and ensure through advance notice, that parents, staff and pupils use a preventive approach on special, all-day activities such as, outdoor PE/games educational visits and sports days.
5. Sports day: all children will wear hats and have water. Shade will be provided if possible.
6. School will utilise shaded areas for outdoor play.
7. Staff will model "sun safe practices". All adults should be seen to adhere to sun safe practices.

8. The dangers of sun will form part of the PSHE/science curriculum. Teachers can take advantage of the many free, age-appropriate sun protection curricula or lessons. E.g. the SunWise School Program (www.epa.gov/sunwise) and the Shade Foundation (www.shadefoundation.org). 

AS A GENERAL RULE OF THUMB, ESPECIALLY FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN

“If my shadow is shorter than me I need to stay in the shade”