



St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School

Sun Safety Policy

"I serve Jesus with my body, heart, mind and soul."

Serviam means 'I serve'. Jesus Christ has taught us, 'it is more blessed to serve than to be served'. At St Ethelbert's school, following our Catholic faith, we serve the whole person – mind, heart, body and soul.

Body – because we care for our wellbeing, our parish neighbourhood and our environment.

Heart – because we teach love and respect for all.

Mind – because we believe in excellent education.

Soul – because we learn to pray and become closer to God as his children.

The school policy for sun protection was agreed by the whole staff and has the full agreement of the Governing Body. The policy was approved and ratified by the Governing Body during the Autumn term 2011.

At St Ethelbert's Catholic Primary School we want staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely. We work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this through:

Education:

- All pupils will have at least one SunSmart lesson per year.
- We will talk about how to be SunSmart in assemblies at the start of the summer term.
- Parents and guardians will be sent a letter explaining what the school is doing about sun protection and how they can help at the beginning of the summer term.
- Parents may put suncream on their children before they come to school if they wish.

Protection

Shade:

- Pupils currently have a lunchtime period of an hour on a daily basis, of which up to thirty minutes is spend outdoors in the middle of the day.
- Shade is currently available under the large tree by the adventure playground or alternatively, children have access to play in other areas of the school grounds. Some areas more protected than others.

Clothing:

- Pupils and staff are encouraged to wear protective t-shirts and hats.
- Sun safety is included in the school curriculum within science and PSHE.

Clothing:

- School has new school sun hats available for purchase from the from the school office.
- We have changed our sports uniform to recommend that children wear t-shirts and wear sun screen
- All teachers will encourage children to wear hats when on the playground during sports lessons and breaktimes.

Sunscreen:

- We cannot currently supply sunscreen to all pupils on a daily basis because of cost and skin allergies some children have in school.
- Sunscreen use will be encouraged on school trips and staff will be provided with extra sunscreen in case children forget their own. We will send letters home asking for permission for children to apply sunscreen stating the make, during the

summer months when appropriate.

The five key SunSmart skin cancer prevention messages are:

Stay in the shade 11am-3pm

Make sure you never burn

Always cover up – wear a t-shirt, hat and wraparound sunglasses

Remember children burn more easily

Then use factor 50+ sunscreen

- **PROTECTION:** providing an environment that enables pupils and staff to stay safe in the sun
- **EDUCATION:** learning about sun safety to increase knowledge and influence sensible behaviour
- **COLLABORATION:** working with parents, governors and the wider community to reinforce awareness about sun safety and promote a healthy school

Review

Deputy Headteacher

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