



# St Stephen's RC Primary School

## Sunscreen Policy

### Vision

A world class school for children that want to make the world a better place as God intended

### Mission Statement

'Love one another, as I have loved you.'  
*John 13:34*

### Our Values - St Stephen's CARES

Compassion, Ambition, Rejoice, Excellence, Service

Compassion	<i>be compassionate in all of our actions</i>
Ambition	<i>be ambitious – better ourselves and those around us</i>
Rejoice	<i>be rejoiceful – celebrate the Good News</i>
Excellence	<i>be excellent in everything we do – work hard always</i>
Service	<i>be a steward of the Lord – a service to the community</i>

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St Stephen's RC Primary School believes in promoting Sun Safety to ensure that children and staff are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays in Sunlight

**As part of our Sun Safety Policy we will:**

- Educate children throughout the curriculum about the causes of skin cancer and how to protect their skin;
- Encourage children to wear clothes that provide good sun protection, and use sunscreens where appropriate;
- Seek shade, particularly in the middle of the day and to use shady areas during breaks, lunchtimes, sports and trips.
- Encourage staff and parents to act as good role models by practising sun safety;
- Regularly remind children, staff and parents about sun safety through newsletters, posters and activities for pupils;
- Drink plenty of water during hot, sunny weather;
- Make sure the Use of Sunscreens Policy is working. We will regularly monitor our curriculum, assess shade provision, and review the sun safety behaviour of students and staff (use of hats, shade, etc).

During periods of sunny weather, we ask parents to apply long-wear sunscreen and send their children to school with a sun hat. Extended exposure to the sun is rare in the normal course of a school day, but if groups are at risk of prolonged exposure, for example on a school outing or prolonged outdoor activity, we wish to encourage students to protect themselves from the sun. On these occasions specific arrangements will be made and communicated to parents directly.

We can enable children to reapply sunscreen during the day. If this is the case, please contact the school office to make arrangements. In those cases, we will require parents to:

1. Provide the sunscreen product for school use. The sunscreen must be:
  - Clearly marked with the child's name.
  - Replenished by the parent as needed.
2. The sunscreen product will be stored in the child's locker or other location designated by the teacher.

The school policy states that teachers or other school staff will supervise the application of sunscreen. Sometimes it may be necessary for teachers or support staff to help children apply the sunscreen.

**In brief:**

- Long lasting sunscreen should be applied to children **before** school
- Pupils will be asked to provide their own sunscreen in a bottle labelled with their name if they require it to be reapplied during the school day

- A reserve supply of sunscreen will be stored in the school for pupils who forget theirs and need it reapplying
- Sunscreen will be stored in a cool, dry place and the expiry date will be monitored.
- Sunscreen will be self-administered, under supervision, where possible.
- Teachers and other staff members will not be encouraged, and will not be required, to apply sunscreen to pupils, due to the potential for allegations of abuse.
- Where a teacher or other staff member agrees to apply sunscreen to pupils, such as a pupil with SEND, another member of staff will witness the application and parental consent will be obtained beforehand.

If your child has any allergies or skin sensitivities you may want to check with your GP before providing a sunscreen. The school will inform you if your child has any adverse reaction that may be due to the sunscreen.