



St John Bosco RC Primary School

With Jesus in our hearts, we love, pray, learn and play.

Sun Protection Policy – June 2023

Statement of intent

St John Bosco RC Primary School strives to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all members of the school community. For this reason, this policy is to be adhered to by all staff members, parents and pupils, with the intention of minimising the risk of sun damage occurring whilst at school.

In order to effectively implement this policy and ensure the necessary control measures are in place, parents are responsible for working alongside the school in order to ensure the health and safety of their children.

The school does not guarantee a completely sun damage free environment; however, this policy will be utilised to minimise the risk of exposure to sun damage, encourage self-responsibility, and plan for an effective response to possible sun safety incidents.

Rationale

We believe it is important to raise awareness of why our children need sun protection. We recognise that some sun is good for us but over-exposure to Ultraviolet Radiation (UVR) is an important safeguarding issue. Exposure in the first 15 years of life significantly contributes to a person's lifetime risk of developing skin cancer. We aim to increase knowledge and influence behaviour, ensuring children are protected against UVR and learn how to enjoy the sun safely. This policy sets out how we protect children from the sun, educate about sun safety and how we collaborate with Parents/Carers to reinforce awareness about sun safety.

UV ratings can be used to assess risk against sun damage. These guidelines are taken from: Cancerresearchuk.org

UV 1-2 Low exposure. No sun protection needed.

UV 3-5 Moderate exposure. Think about sun protection. Parents may choose to send children into school with or without sun cream.

UV 6-7 High exposure. Skin protection needed for most skin tones. "Sunny Day" protocol will be followed, see below.

Sunny Day Protocol:

School will check the UV ratings for the day [online](#). Parents are expected to do the same. If the UV forecast is 6 or above, an email will be sent notifying staff that “Sunny Day Protocol” is in place, it will also be written on the staffroom noticeboard.

Parents are to send children into school with suncream already applied.

Parents are to provide a bottle of suncream (per child – sharing with siblings is to be avoided in case the suncream isn't easily accessible) to be kept in the classroom.

Parents are to provide a sun hat for each child, this can be kept in school if they wish. (Baseball caps are not advised as cheeks and neck are not protected).

At breaktime, children who didn't come to school with suncream will be asked to apply it before going outside. The shaded tables near to the door can be used for this purpose.

If children don't have suncream in school, they may use the school emergency supply if their parents have given permission.

If no permission has been given then the pupil will not be allowed to go outside. They will be asked to sit in the cloakroom and read / chat.

At lunchtime all children will be asked to reapply sun cream before going outside. Children in EYFS may be helped by an adult if their parent has been given permission.

Classroom staff must ensure children have sun cream on for any outside learning activity eg reading shed, orienteering which takes place on sunny days

PE / outdoor learning to be restricted to no more than 30 minutes if the UV rating is 6 or above.

Children attending afterschool club or sports clubs will be asked to reapply suncream before going outside. Children in EYFS may be helped by an adult if their parent has been given permission.

Sun protection must be considered and detailed on all off sites risk assessment and appropriate measures put in place.

Sunglasses are not to be worn by children (due to the risk of injury from breakage) unless recommended by medical professionals for that child and evidence to support this is given to school.

Roles and responsibilities

The governing body is responsible for:

- Ensuring that arrangements are in place to support pupils and that these arrangements are sufficient to meet statutory responsibilities.
- Ensuring that policies, plans, systems and procedures are implemented to minimise the risks of pupils suffering sun damage at school.
- Ensuring that the school's approach to sun damage focusses on, and accounts for, the needs of each individual pupil.
- Ensuring that the school's arrangements give parents and pupils confidence in the school's ability to minimise sun damage.
- Ensuring that staff are properly trained to provide the support that pupils need.
- Monitoring the effectiveness of this policy, reviewing it regularly, and after any incident where a pupil experiences serious sun damage.

The headteacher is responsible for:

- The development, implementation and monitoring of the Sun Protection Policy.
- Ensuring that parents are informed of their responsibilities in relation to their child's sun protection.
- Ensuring that the Sun Protection Policy and the associated protocols are effectively implemented.
- Ensuring that all relevant risk assessments, e.g., to do sun protection on school trips and during heatwaves, have been carried out and controls to mitigate risks are implemented.
- Ensuring that all designated first aiders are aware of the symptoms and treatments for heat stroke and sunburn.
- Ensuring that all staff members are provided with information regarding sun protection, as well as the necessary precautions and action to take.
- Communication of this policy to all stake holders.

The office staff are responsible for:

- Ensuring that there are effective processes in place for sun cream permissions to be regularly updated and disseminated to relevant staff members, including supply and temporary staff.
- Seeking up-to-date sun cream permissions about each pupil via a medical form sent to parents on an annual basis.

- Ensuring that the necessary staff members are informed if a pupil is does not have permission to use the school's suncream and/or to have help in applying it (EYFS pupils only).

All classroom and lunchtime staff members are responsible for:

- Acting in accordance with the school's policies and procedures at all times.
- Attending relevant training regarding allergens and anaphylaxis.
- Knowing which children in their care have permission to use school sun cream and/or have help with applying it (EYFS only).

All parents and carers are responsible for:

- Sending children to school with suncream applied on days where UV rating will be 6 or above. This can be checked [here](#).
- Providing or withholding consent for the use of school emergency sun cream.
- Providing or withholding consent for assistance in application of sun cream (EYFS only).
- Providing the school with up-to-date emergency contact information.
- Providing the school with written medical documentation from the child's doctor if sunglasses are to be worn.
- Ensuring their child is aware of sun protection self-management, including being able to identify risks and apply their own sun cream (not EYFS).
- Raising any concerns they may have about the management of their child's sun protection with the classroom teacher.

All pupils are responsible for:

- Reminding their parents to apply their suncream before arrival at school.
- Ensuring that they know where their suncream is kept in school.
- Being proactive in the application of sun protection (cream and hats).
- Developing greater independence in keeping themselves safe from sun damage.
- Notifying a staff member if they feel they are being sun burnt.

British Values

At St John Bosco School, we value the diversity of backgrounds of all pupils, families and the wider school community.

We uphold the following definition of British Values:

- Respect for democracy and support or participation in the democratic process
- Respect for the basis on which the law is made and applies in England
- Support for equality of opportunity for all
- Support and respect for the liberties of all within the law
- Respect for and tolerance of different faiths and religious and other beliefs

Our school reflects British values in all that we do. We aim to nurture our children on their journey through life so they can grow into safe, caring, democratic, responsible and tolerant adults who make a positive difference to British society and to the world. We encourage our children to be creative, unique, open-minded and independent individuals, respectful of themselves and of others in our school, our local community and the wider world.

Equality

Under the Equality Act 2010 we have a duty not to discriminate against people on the basis of their age, disability, gender, gender identity, pregnancy or maternity, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

This policy has been equality impact assessed and we believe that it is in line with the Equality Act 2010 as it is fair, it does not prioritise or disadvantage any pupil or member of our school community and it helps to promote equality at this school.

Monitoring and review

The headteacher is responsible for reviewing this policy.

The effectiveness of this policy will be monitored and evaluated by all members of staff. Any concerns will be reported to the headteacher immediately.

Following each recorded occurrence of sun damage, this policy will be reviewed, updated and amended as necessary.

Agreed by the Governing Body: June 2023

Review date: June 2026