



The Federation of St. Giles and St. John

Sun Protection Policy

Date policy adopted/reviewed:	
Next review date:	

We acknowledge the importance of sun protection, and we want staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely. We shall work with staff and parents to achieve this in the following ways:

- We will help pupils be aware of the need to take care of their skin when they are outdoors in strong sunshine.
- We will encourage pupils to play in the shade when the sun is strong.
- We will encourage pupils to wear hats to protect their faces, ears and necks when outdoors in strong sunshine.
- We ask parents/guardians to apply sunscreen at home before pupils arrive at school on hot sunny days.
- Parents are invited to give their consent to the staff supervising the children with the re-application of their own sunscreen which they have bought in from home, and that it is clearly labelled with child's name and kept in the school office.
- Self-application of sunscreen is the preferred option and practical in most circumstances; however children in reception or those with special educational needs, sunscreen may be applied by a member of staff, providing a parent or guardian has signed the consent form.
- Where help is required with the application of sunscreen, it will only be applied to the face, neck and arms.

The five key skin cancer prevention messages are:

1. Stay in the shade wherever possible
2. Make sure you never burn.
3. Always cover up – wear appropriate clothing and a hat with a wide brim on it.
4. Remember children burn more easily.
5. Use factor 30+ sunscreen

We shall monitor our implementation of this policy and review it annually.