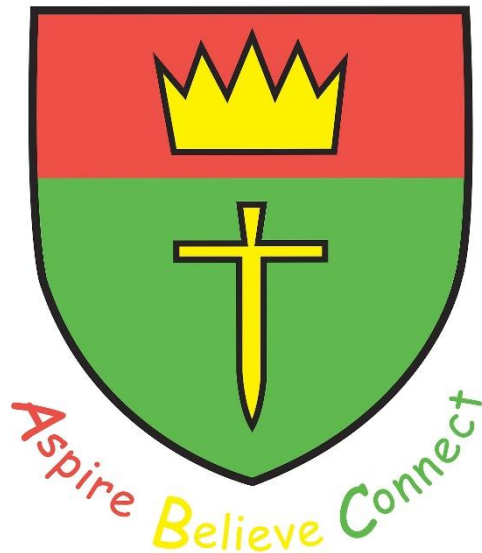


St Oswald's CE VA Primary School



Sun Protection Policy



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Sun Protection Policy:

Principles and Implementation

Agreed by governors: March 2025

Implementation date: March 2025

Review date: March 2028

Vision, Ethos and Values



St Oswald's Ethos and Values Statement



God has a plan

Love

Aspire Believe Connect

Growth Wisdom Strength Trust Peace Friendship

Background

Our Ethos and Values Statement is an easy to understand model of religious education in St Oswald's. Children in our school know that love is the most important value of all, in line with the new command that Jesus gave us to love one another, which is why this is placed above all in our statement.

Mission Statement

Sitting below love lies our school's mission statement: *Aspire, Believe, Connect*. As easy as A, B, C, this statement is easy to remember and most importantly represents what we want our children to do in every aspect of their education and lives.

Core Christian Values

The mission statement is underpinned by six core Christian values that each link to one aspect of *Aspire, Believe, Connect*. As children aspire to be the best they can be in every way, they will grow in wisdom. In order to believe in themselves and develop their own beliefs about the world around them, our children are taught about the importance of trust and strength on their journey. We also believe in the values of peace and friendship in helping us to connect with those around us.

At St Oswald's CE VA Primary School, we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and want staff and children to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff and parents to achieve this through:

EDUCATION - the following measures will be undertaken by all staff:

- All children will have a lesson on keeping safe in the sun at the start of the Summer term.
- All children will engage in RHSE units linked to 'Keeping Safe' and 'Healthy Lifestyles' to support knowledge and understanding into sun safety.
- Parents and carers will be sent a letter explaining what we are doing about sun protection and how they can help at the beginning of the summer term and during summer holidays - *see appendix 1*
- Information on sun safety will be made available on the school website

PROTECTION - this is more of an ongoing process.

Shade:

- When the sun is strong we will encourage children to sit/play in the shade where it is available.
- The outdoor wooded area and/or gazebos will be open/put out for children to access during playtimes and lunchtimes on sunny days to provide additional shaded areas.

Timetabling:

- Children will spend more time playing outside before 11am and after 3pm, and less time outside over lunch on particularly sunny days.

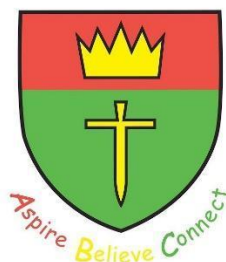
Clothing:

- Children are required to wear hats that cover the ears, face and neck between 11am and 3pm.
- Children who do not have a hat will be provided with one from school.
- All staff will be encouraged to wear hats when outside to encourage safety in the sun.

Sunscreen:

- We will send letters home asking for permission for staff to supervise children to apply sunscreen on days when the sun is strong.
- All children will have a labelled bottle of sun cream accessible within their classroom
- School staff will support/allocate time for the children to apply sun cream, prior to outdoor play, to ensure ample coverage
- Parents and carers are strongly advised to bring in their own clearly labelled bottle of sunscreen for their child, at least factor SPF 15+.
- School will hold sensitive skin cream, SPF 30, which can be applied, in school, providing parental permission is gained

Appendix 1



St Oswald's CE VA Primary School

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Head Teacher: Mrs. H. Smith B.Sc. (Hons) NPQH

Dear Parent/Carers,

Re: Being safe in the sun!

Now the Summer term is here, we wanted to write and ask for your support in ensuring our children stay safe in the sun.

The sun's rays are particularly strong over the summer and they can damage children's skin. This may not seem like a problem right now, but sadly it can lead to skin cancer in later life.

Your child's health, safety and well-being are extremely important to us and as a result, we are going to:

- Spend some learning time about staying safe in the sun.
- Increase the shade by opening up our wooded area.
- Actively encourage all children and staff to wear a hat when they are outside. Please send your child to school wearing a comfortable wide brimmed hat or legionnaire style cap. School caps are available on our uniform order form.
- Encourage children and staff to wear UV protective sunglasses.

If your child is fair-skinned or burns easily it may be a good idea to provide additional protection by using sunscreen with a factor of at least SPF 15 with a five star rating. The star rating measures the amount of ultraviolet A radiation (UVA) protection. You should see a star rating of up to 5 stars on UK sunscreens. The higher the star rating, the better. The letters "UVA" inside a circle is a European marking.

Staff at St Oswald's will be supervising children applying sunscreen and helping those that are not able to apply sunscreen by themselves. If you would like your child to be

able to apply sunscreen in school please drop an email to your child's class teacher who will collate this information. Also, please can you supply a bottle of sunscreen which is at least SPF 15, clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

Parents' can help by:

- Talking to your child about the importance of sun protection at home.
- Helping them to apply sunscreen and encouraging children to ensure all exposed areas have cream on.
- Remembering to send your child to school with a wide brimmed hat.
- Sending a bottle of sunscreen into school (at least SPF 15)
- Providing you child with a pair of UV sunglasses.

We will have bottles of Boots Soltan suncream in each class at SPF 30 which will be applied to children if they don't have suncream on really hot days. If your child is allergic to this type of suncream or has sensitive skin it is imperative you let us know and provide your child's own bottle so we are aware.

Together I hope we can have a very happy, sunny and safe term to come!

Kind Regards,

Helen Smith

Executive Headteacher

Jade Sharrock

Deputy Headteacher