



*Love, Respect, Courage, Compassion, Friendship, Trust*

Head Teacher:  
**Mrs C. McManus**

**Sun Protection**

**POLICY**

**Agreed: June 2018**

**Reviewed: May 2021**

At St. John's CE Primary School we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and want staff and pupils to safely enjoy the sun.

As a school we will:

- Ask parents to apply sunscreen to children before they come to school when the sun is strong during the summer months. The Health Education Authority recommends the use of a sunscreen with a sun protection factor of 15 or above. However; dependent on the temperatures, it may be advisable to apply a once-a-day cream with a higher factor.

Staff are not able to apply sunscreen.

- Encourage the children to make use of all available shade provided by buildings, trees etc.
- Encourage parents to send their children to school with a suitable sun hat or cap. The most effective being a broad brimmed hat which provides head, face and neck protection from the sun. These should be labelled with the child's name.
- Allow children to wear sunglasses, bearing in mind, that for safety reasons, eyewear might be inappropriate for certain activities, particularly physical education.
- Encourage the children to drink plenty of water to prevent dehydration.
- The School will remind parents about applying sunscreen, providing water bottles and sun hats during periods of hot weather via the Purple Page newsletter, letters about school trips/ events and text messages.
- Consideration will be given when organising events or activities which take place outside during periods of particularly hot weather such as shortening the event, additional text messages to parents about sun protection.

Development of Shady Areas:

In the medium to long-term, school will consider ways of providing additional shade in the school grounds.