

SUNSCREEN

POLICY

Rationale:

Our school is a sunsmart school. The supply and application of sunscreen is one of the effective forms of sun protection that we advocate. However, the sunscreen strategy needs to be well managed at school to be as effective as possible.

Aims:

To further enhance our effective sunsmart strategies by providing sunscreen for use by staff and students.

Implementation:

- Sunscreen is a useful sunsmart strategy, but not as effective as a broad-brimmed hat, appropriate clothing and natural shades.
- All staff and students will be actively encouraged to wear a broad-spectrum, water resistant, low allergy sunscreen (SPF30+) from the start of September until the end of April when undertaking outside activities.
- Sunscreen will be provided in each classroom, the staffroom and on excursions for use by staff and students. Particular attention will be paid to ensure the 'use by' date has not expired.
- Sunscreen may be applied by students according to the manufacturer's directions, under the supervision of teachers if parents have provided the school with a signed and completed sunscreen consent form.
- Young students (7 years and younger) may have sunscreen appropriately applied by staff members, or by a 'sunscreen buddy', if parents have provided the school with a signed and completed sunscreen consent form.
- Sunscreen is designed to be applied 20 minutes before exposure to the sun and reapplied every 2 hours.
- Broad-brimmed hats must be worn when outside from September to April irrespective of the application of sunscreen.
- No student or staff member will be required by the school to wear sunscreen against their wishes, but both are expected to wear sunsmart hats from September to April, and students may be required to remain in shaded areas.
- Staff and students may use their own personal sunscreen as opposed to school-supplied sunscreen, but coloured zinc styled creams etc will generally not be permissible.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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