



Sun Protection Policy for EYFS

May 2018

In line with the requirements of Every Child Matters and the Early Years Foundation Stage, we endeavour to work in partnership with parents and carers to keep all the children healthy and safe at all times in our care. Outdoor play is an essential aspect of young children's learning and development and at St Mark's we provide an enabling environment in our outdoor areas.

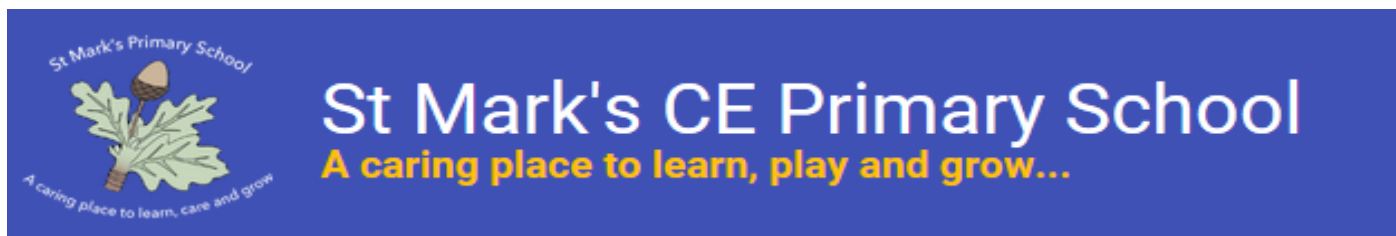
We acknowledge the importance of sun protection and want staff and children to enjoy the sun safely.

We will work with staff and parents to achieve this through:

- Education: All children will be told about how to keep safe in the sun during classroom circle time taught through our Personal and Social curriculum at the start of the summer term.
- Protection: We will encourage students to sit/play in the shade where it is available.
- Timetabling: Teachers will use their discretion about the amount of time young children will spend playing outside during the middle part of the day, depending on the weather.
- Clothing: In the summer term, children are required to wear sun hats, when outside. Staff should dress appropriately when out in the sun at school, to set a good example.
- Hydration: Staff will ensure children are well hydrated, making sure they all have plenty to drink during the day. Staff will replace the water within the bottles when necessary.
- Sunscreen: We will send letters home asking for parents/carers to apply sunscreen at home before coming to school during the summer months and to ensure that their child brings a hat and water bottle each day.
- Extra sunscreen: We will send a permission letter home asking that parents/carers provide a sun cream that we can keep on the premises for

each child, that is appropriate for their child's skin. Parents/Carers are to ensure that they are both named and that they sign the permission slip, giving us permission to re-apply sun cream if necessary.

- Application: Staff will apply the sun cream to face, arms, neck, ears and legs if necessary and only if parental permission has been given, using the individuals own sun cream. Staff applying sun cream will do so in the presence of a witness and will wash hands before and after application. As children progress through the Early Years Foundation Stage, they will be encouraged to develop responsibility for applying their own cream with support and supervision of a responsible adult.
- Staff will access the Met Office Website for Sun strength each week and ensure they are prepared for the coming weather.
- Useful websites include www.sunsmart.org.uk and www.cancerresearchuk.org
- This policy will be reviewed every year, unless an incident occurs or the legislation occurs, by the EYFS leader, Headteacher and School Governors.



Dear Parents and Carers

I have read and received the Sun Protection Policy.

I have provided the school with a suitable sun cream for my child, name labelled and to be left in school.

I give permission for the staff of St Marks Primary School to apply sun cream to my child if they feel necessary.

Signed Date

Relationship to child