



St. Saviour's Church, Coalpit Heath.

The Manor C of E Primary School

Policy: Sun Safety

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1. Rationale

Governors recognise their responsibility towards the well-being of both staff and pupils. In order to help our pupils to develop good habits that will help them to keep healthy, we need to make them aware of how to minimise the harmful effects that too much exposure to the sun might have on their bodies. Adults supervising pupils when outdoors, especially Lunch Break Supervisors, are similarly at risk from sun exposure; they are also important role models. This policy therefore applies to all members of our school community.

2. Purposes

The policy outlines the action that should be taken by pupils and adults in order to keep safe in the sun.

3. Guidelines

3.1 Sun Hats

Everyone (staff and pupils) should endeavour to wear a sun hat whenever outside from Easter through to the summer break (Terms 5 and 6), even when it is a cloudy day. Sun hats should also be worn on sunny days during Terms 1 and 4.

Sun hats in the school colours bearing the school logo are available from the office at a small cost but pupils may also wear their own.

All school staff will be provided with sunhats and will be expected to wear these, or one of their own, in order to demonstrate to pupils the importance of keeping safe in the sun.

3.2 Sun cream

Parents are requested to apply sun cream to children's exposed skin before they come to school in the morning. Likewise, staff and volunteers who know they are likely to be spending time outside should similarly be prepared. A small supply of sun cream is available from the office for staff use should they have an unexpected outdoor session.

Pupils may bring sun cream into school to re-apply later in the day but the spray-on type is not allowed due to the risk that other children could get sprayed with it. Pupils will be expected to apply sun cream themselves.

3.3 Appropriate Clothing

All members of the school community should wear clothing to cover their shoulders when outside. Pupils should therefore wear T shirts for PE session (not vests). Long sleeved tops are recommended for Forest School.

3.4 Shade

Between the hours of 11.00 and 15.00 the risk of sunburn is at its greatest and pupils are encouraged to seek the shade when out playing. It is hard for the Lunch Break staff to do this and still fulfil their duties. Therefore a rota system will apply in order to minimise any individual's exposure to the sun. During the very hottest days in term 6, FS/KS1 pupils will only be allowed access to the playground for periods of ten minutes, and then only if wearing sunhats. It will be expected that Lunch Break staff will wear sun hats either provided by the school or themselves.

The senior leadership in the school will seek to work with pupils and parents to increase the provision of shade on the school site.