

# USE OF SUNSCREENS POLICY

## ST CUTHBERTS C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Cuthberts C of E Primary School believes in promoting Sun Safety to ensure that children and staff are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays in sunlight.

As part of our Sun Safety Policy St Cuthberts C of E Primary School will:

- Educate children throughout the curriculum about the causes of skin cancer and how to protect their skin;
- Encourage children to wear clothes that provide good sun protection, and use sunscreens where appropriate; clothing would include hats, long sleeves and shirts with a collar.
- Seek shade, particularly in the middle of the day and to use shady areas during breaks, lunchtimes, sports and trips.
- Encourage staff and parents to act as good role models by practising sun safety;
- Remind children, staff and parents about sun safety through newsletters, posters and activities for pupils;
- Drink plenty of water during hot, sunny weather;
- Make sure the Use of Sun Screens Policy is working. We will regularly monitor our curriculum, assess shade provision, and review the sun safety behavior of children and staff (use of hats, shade, etc).

St Cuthberts C of E Primary School wishes to encourage children to protect themselves from the sun. One way of doing this is to use sunscreen at the appropriate time.

Parents are asked to apply some longer lasting sunscreen at home before a typical school day.

If it is considered necessary for the re-application of sunscreen, parents will provide sunscreen for the child to apply at school.

The sunscreen must be clearly marked with the child's name and replenished by the parent as needed. The sunscreen product will be stored in the child's book bag or other location designated by the teacher. The child must be able to apply his or her own sunscreen (except Nursery and Reception children). Nursery and Reception parents are asked to apply sunscreen at home before a typical school day, this will be reapplied as necessary by staff.

If it is considered necessary for teachers/staff to assist with the application of sunscreen, the sunscreen will only be applied to face, neck, arms, hands and lower legs. Parents are asked to provide written instruction to teachers for their child's individual needs.

