



## Sun Protection Policy

The aim of Danes Hill's Sun Protection Policy is to ensure that all our pupils possess the knowledge and attitudes to protect their skin from harmful sun exposure and to help prevent skin cancer.

In order to achieve the above, Danes Hill seeks to educate pupils through the curriculum, (PSHE in particular) about the dangers of over – exposure to the sun and the risk of skin cancer (age appropriate education).

We do this in the following ways:

- By encouraging pupils to wear clothes that protect them from the sun. For outdoor activities and on school trips we always advise that hats be worn – (legionnaire-style hats give the most protection and are available from the second-hand uniform shop and also from our uniform suppliers. A plain navy baseball cap is also available for Upper School pupils).
- Pupils are encouraged to use high factor sun lotion, which most pupils will be able to apply themselves. (At the main school parents are asked to give written permission if they wish an adult at school to apply sun cream to their child). In the Pre-Prep parents are asked to apply long-lasting high factor sun creams before children come to school.
- Our children are also encouraged to make the best possible use of shade during sunny weather. They are advised by staff to head for the shade in break and lunchtimes if the sun is powerful
- In the main school we do allow pupils to wear sunglasses outdoors, at the request of parents.
- We do not allow pupils to share hats, due to the potential spread of head lice.
- All pupils are encouraged to drink from the water foundations. They are allowed to bring plastic water bottles to school. In Transition, Reception and Year 1, children are provided with water in the classrooms and water fountains in the playground, as water bottles are not permitted.
- Water resistant sunscreen and lip-balm is recommended on days children have swimming lessons.
- Our school nurse can also advise parents on the best methods of protection from the harmful rays of the sun.

The sun protection policy can be implemented more successfully with the full support of parents, who can help the school achieve the goal of sun hats and cream for the children during sunny weather. Their reinforcement of our goal to educate and protect the pupils in our care, regarding the dangers of over exposure to harmful rays, is crucial.

The Pastoral Care Committee will monitor and review this policy annually and will pay heed to medical advice and updates on sun protection.

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