



Sun Protection Policy Danes Hill School

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 provide:

Education: learning about sun safety through the curriculum, about the dangers of over-exposure to the sun and the risk of skin cancer (age appropriate education).

Protection: providing an environment that enables pupils and staff to stay safe in the sun.

Collaboration: working with parents, staff and the wider community to reinforce awareness about sun safety and promote a healthy school.

We do this in the following ways:

- By encouraging pupils to wear clothes that protect them from the sun. Legionnaire-style hats give the most protection and are available from our school suppliers and the second-hand uniform shop. A plain navy baseball cap is also available for Upper School pupils.
- Parents are to ensure their child has applied a high factor sunscreen before coming to school and to try to ensure that their child is able to apply his/her own cream to all exposed areas. Parents are to provide their child with a named sunscreen product (SPF 25+) for use in school, for sport and on school trips. The school will keep a limited stock of sunscreen (SPF25+) available for use if a child has forgotten to bring their own. Water resistant sunscreen and lip-balm is recommended on days children have swimming lessons. Children may need help with the application of sunscreen; this would only be applied to exposed areas of the child.
- 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 bring their own plastic water bottles to school and are taught about the importance of regular hydration. Water fountains are also available on both sites and water bottles can be re-filled from them.
- Our School Nurses 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, and water bottles all year round. 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 and will pay heed to medical advice and updates on sun protection.

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