



ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY C OF E JUNIOR SCHOOL  
“Realising the potential of every child within a caring, Christian community”

## **ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY C of E INFANT AND JUNIOR SCHOOLS**

### **SUN PROTECTION POLICY**

#### **Aim**

We aim to have an outdoor play session everyday throughout the year as well as having certain activities situated outside where appropriate. By taking what measures we can to protect the children in our care from the harmful effects of the sun we can help reduce the risk of skin cancer in later life caused by UV radiation.

#### **Education**

- At the start of the Summer term, or earlier if appropriate, each class will have a sun awareness session looking at how to be safe in the sun.
- Parents and carers may be sent information explaining what the school is doing about sun protection and how they can help as appropriate.
- Staff will be given advice on sun protection so that we have a whole school approach.

#### **Protection**

- The school playground has some shade provided by the school building and by trees.
- The free-standing shade canopies provide shade.
- Some of the outdoor games are sited in shady places and the games tables can be moved into the shade.
- Children will be reminded to play in the shade during lunchtime play.

#### **Clothing**

- T-shirts with short sleeves covering the shoulders are worn for PE.
- Children will be encouraged to wear sun hats when appropriate and parents will be reminded of this via newsletters. (Pupils will be encouraged to wear wide-brimmed or legionnaire style hats)

#### **Sunscreen**

- Parents and carers will be encouraged to ensure that their children are protected by long lasting sunscreen each day before they arrive at school and are protected by appropriate clothing.
- Children will be responsible for applying their own sunscreen in school.
- Parents and carers are asked to only send in small containers of sunscreen, which children can manage to apply themselves. Roll-on sunscreen is recommended.
- The use of sunscreen will be encouraged if the children are to spend any length of time outside on hot days including on school trips.

All children have access to water throughout the day. They are encouraged to bring water bottles to school every day, especially during hot periods of weather during the Summer term.

We are aware that some children have increased sensitivity to the sun and appropriate arrangements are in place in consultation with their parents and the School Nurse, where appropriate.

**This policy was reviewed March 2014**