



OUR LADY AND ST BENEDICT CATHOLIC ACADEMY SUN SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

Our Mission Statement:

‘Loving, Learning and Looking forward with Christ.’

Following the example of Our Lady and St. Benedict we are rooted to Christ in all that we say, do and think. Within our safe Catholic family we love, learn and ensure children are ready for their next step in society with Christ as their purpose.

Aims and objectives

Our Academy is keen to promote safe practise in the sun. We aim to develop children’s understanding and knowledge of sun safety and the harm the sun’s rays can cause. We also aim to increase the children’s understanding of how high temperatures can affect the body and strategies to recognise and combat these affects.

We will ensure that:

- Children are encouraged to bring their own sun protection products into school during the necessary seasons.
- Products are kept out of younger children’s reach during the school day.
- Adults will supervise the application of sun products for younger children, checking that coverage is complete.
- Sun products are not shared.
- Staff and parents liaise regarding the needs of their children.
- Children are encouraged to bring hats and sun glasses and wear appropriate clothing to protect them from the suns rays.
- Areas of shade are provided for children in hot sunny weather.
- Water is available for children throughout the day.
- Children are encouraged to keep themselves cool, hydrated and restrict their time in full sun especially close to the middle of the day.

Role of the Parents

The School expects that parents will provide suitable protection for their children in the sun and hot weather and that any products and clothing sent into school will be labelled clearly with the child’s name. We also expect that

parents will both support and contribute their child's sun safety education so that all children are able to protect themselves in the sun now and in the future.

The role of Academy Committee

The Academy Committee has the responsibility of setting down these guidelines and of reviewing their effectiveness. The Committee members support the Principal in adhering to these guidelines.

The Principal has the day-to-day authority to implement the school's policy on sun safety, but Committee members may give advice to the Principal about particular issues. The Principal must take this into account when making decisions about matters of sun safety.