

Driffield Church of England (VC) Infant School



'Learn to let your light shine'

Matthew 5: 14-16

Sun Cream Policy

May 2024

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1. Statement of intent and ethos

Driffield CE Infant School welcomes all God's children and their families and is a place where children of all faiths and none flourish and are inspired by the Christian character and values of our school and learn to love God, one another and themselves (Mark 12:30-31) in order that they can 'Live life in all its fullness' (John 10:10).

It is this ethos and the words from Matthew 5: 14-16 'Learn to let your light shine' that our expectations for keeping our school community safe through our sun cream procedures in school.

2. Legal Framework

This policy has due regard to legislation and statutory guidance, including, but not limited to, the following:

- Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974
- DfE (2021) 'Statutory framework for the early years foundation stage'

The policy is implemented in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Health and Safety Policy
- Supporting Pupils with Medical Conditions (including Administering Medication) Policy
- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy

3. Intent

At Driffield CE Infant School, we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and want staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this through our curriculum and sun protection procedures.

4. Education

All pupils will be taught about sun safety within their classes as part of our PSHE curriculum. We will talk about how to be safe in the sun during Collective Worship during the summer term and before the summer holidays. At the beginning of the summer term, parents and carers will be sent a letter outlining this policy and explaining how they can help to keep their children safe in the sun. Teachers and support staff will be reminded about this policy at the beginning of the summer term.

5. Protection

5.1 Shade:

- We will encourage children to sit/play in the shade wherever it is available.
- Where children are outside in the sun for either a morning or afternoon session, teachers will ensure shade is available or move inside if not available.

5.2 Timetabling:

- In very hot weather, we will aim to timetable outside activities and PE lessons before 11am and after 2.00pm where possible.
- If this is unavoidable, we will ensure hats, clothing and sunscreen (when provided by parents/carers) are worn to prevent sunburn.

5.3 Clothing:

- Children are encouraged to wear hats that provide shade for the ears, face and neck.
- In hot weather, children should wear short-sleeved t-shirts for PE lessons. Strappy tops will not be allowed – shoulders must be covered.

5.4 Sunscreen:

- Children should **come to school wearing an all-day, high SPF sun cream (minimum SPF30)**. This should be applied to all exposed parts of the body, including ears, shoulders, necks, faces and ankles.
- Parents are asked **to provide a bottle of NUT-FREE sun cream, clearly labelled with the child's name**, which will be kept in the classroom.
- There will **not be spare sun cream** for communal use **due to the risk of allergies**.
- Parents are asked to **sign a form giving permission for children to apply sun cream**.
- Adults should not assist pupils in this, except in exceptional medical circumstances.
- Children with Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs) may be supported to apply sun protection, with parental permission, and stay safe in the sun.
- An adult should never be alone with a child when assisting such a child.
- On hot days, children will be reminded to reapply their own sun cream at lunchtime, before PE lessons, on school trips and at after school club.
- If a pupil does not have any sunscreen, they may not be allowed to play outside that day to ensure that they are not burnt by the sun.

6. Monitoring and Review

This statement will be reviewed annually by the Headteacher, staff and Governors.

To be reviewed May 2025



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Sun Cream Permission Form

Name of Child _____

Class _____

I have read the school Sun Cream Policy and agree to the following:

- I will provide my child with SPF 30+ sun cream (Nut-free), clearly labelled with his/her name
- I give my permission for my child to self-apply sun cream under the supervision of an adult
- I will provide my child with a suitable sun hat clearly labelled with his/her name

Name of parent/ carer (print) _____

Signed _____

Date _____