



# *St Mary's CE Primary School*

## *'Nurturing Success'*

### Sunscreen Policy

Please read through the school's Sunscreen Policy which has been written to help safeguard children.

The first line of defence from the sun is to cover up. Hats and sunglasses (named) may be brought to school.

Children can also wear a thin, white, cotton long-sleeved top under a summer dress or boys could wear long sleeved shirts and trousers, rather than shorts.

However, we recognise that on hot days, children may be more comfortable in short sleeves, summer dresses and shorts.

The school's policy with sunscreen at school is to ask parents to use a long lasting sunscreen in the mornings and to make arrangements to come to school at lunchtime to top up if needed. (Boots and many other pharmacies have an 8 hour children's sunscreen)

In the interests of supporting those parents, carers and children who feel that further sunscreen protection is needed and cannot get to the school to provide this at lunchtime, a supply of sunscreen can be sent to school for your child if you wish to do so.

The sunscreen must be clearly labelled with your child's name and sunscreen cannot be shared with other children.

The sunscreen will be kept out of reach in classrooms and will be available on sunny days as the children leave the classroom to go out for lunch.

The children will have a short time to apply their sunscreen, before it is returned to the safe place.

It is assumed that sunscreen will be applied at home to cover the morning session.

If necessary, the children would also be able to apply sunscreen as they go out to play in the afternoon.

The application of sunscreen can only be done by your child(ren), so if you do wish them to do this, you must make sure they know what to do, where to put it and how much to use.

Staff will not be able to supervise individual children.

Only 'rub on' sunscreen cream is acceptable, since the spray versions and lotions are not suitable for use by children in school.