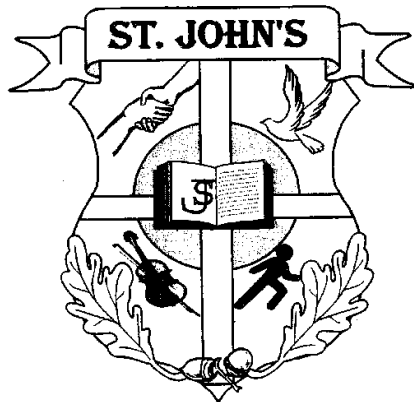


St. John's Primary Bligh's Lane Derry

A Policy for Sun Care 2026



"Learning Together Growing Together"

MISSION STATEMENT

At St John's Catholic, Primary School, we provide a happy, nurturing, inclusive, learning, environment which delivers high quality outcomes and life-enriching experiences. We embrace diversity and encourage all to respect the environment and develop the confidence and digital skillset required to contribute to society and the local and global economy. We work collaboratively with parents/carers and community partners to promote the social, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual well-being of each individual, thereby enabling our school family to 'Learn Together' and 'Grow Together'.

RATIONALE

Skin cancer is one of the most common cancers in the UK and numbers of cases is still rising. Because many cancers result from sun damage acquired during childhood it is important to reduce the exposure to the most dangerous sunshine hours in the summer months.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines and good practice to limit children's exposure to dangerous sunshine from April to September. We will do this by:-

- Informing all children of the need to be sun smart;
- Talking to children about being 'sun smart' in class and also at assemblies at the start of the summer term;
- Reminding parents and guardians of the need to be 'sun smart' in newsletters;
- Encouraging children to play in shaded areas under trees, covered areas and in the shade of buildings;
- Providing seats and equipment in shaded areas;
- Organising activities which make use of shaded areas;
- Providing access to drinking water at all times, through personal water bottles;
- Encouraging staff and children to wear hats when outside; and
- Encouraging staff and children to wear tops that cover their shoulders and upper arms.

NB. Due to the significant volume of children with allergies, parents are responsible for the application of suncream.

MONITORING, EVALUATING AND REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed in 2029 or in line with new legislative requirements.

Signed: _____
Kathleen McCallion
(Chairperson of the Board of Governors)

Date: _____
Ratified at Board of Governors' meeting)