



Blessed Robert Widmerpool Catholic Voluntary Academy

Sun Protection Policy

Sun safety for pupils and staff is high priority.

These measures are in place to ensure children enjoy the sun safely:

- All children have at least one Sunsmart lesson per year
- How to be Sunsmart is discussed in assemblies at the start of the summer term and before the summer holiday
- Parents and guardians are sent a letter explaining what the school is doing about sun protection and how they can help at the beginning of the Summer Term
- Teachers, teaching assistants and midday supervisors receive information from the Health Schools Co-ordinator regarding sun safety
- Children are encouraged to sit/play in the shade where it is available
- Trees have been planted in both playgrounds, which when matured, will provide more shaded areas
- Canopies in the FS and Year 1 outdoor area are in place to provide shaded shelter
- A shaded seating area is now available in the large playground

Timetabling

- Where possible outside activities are scheduled before 11am and after 3pm. If this is unavoidable children are encouraged to wear hats, sunglasses and sunscreen
- Sports Days all begin at 10am

Clothing

- Children are encouraged to wear hats that cover the ears, face and neck

Sunscreen

- Sunscreen use is encouraged during summer at lunch breaks, during PE lessons and on school trips
- Children are encouraged to apply sunscreen before school (at least factor 15) and to bring labelled sunscreen bottles to apply themselves during the day if necessary. Permission from parents is required to permit children to apply it themselves

This policy was developed with the help of staff, pupils and parents in Spring 2014.

This policy will be reviewed annually.