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Sun Safety Policy

June 2017



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Rationale

Too much exposure to ultraviolet light (UV) from the sun causes sunburn, skin damage and increases the risk of skin cancer. St Martin's School is committed to safeguarding all children and wants to help to prevent skin cancer in future generations. We want to work closely with parents and children to ensure sun safety. St Martin's are working towards their 'Sun Safe' accreditation.

Partnership

- Sun Safety will be promoted through working with parents, children and the wider community to improve our understanding and provision to avoid the harmful effects of too much exposure to ultraviolet light (UV).
- Staff and parents should act as positive role models and set a good example by seeking out the shade whenever possible and wearing suitable clothing, hats and sunscreen.
- Relevant professionals will be invited into school periodically to advise of 'sun safety'

Education

- Annually, a special assembly will be dedicated to 'Sun Safety'. This will emphasise the 5 S's of Sun Safety including: SLIP, SLAP, SLOP, SUNGLASSES and SHADE - SLIP on a t-shirt, SLOP on the sunscreen, SLAP on a hat.
- At appropriate times during the year, children will be reminded through our assemblies and classroom teaching about how to be sun safe.
- Parents will be asked through newsletters/social media/website to support the policy by encouraging their children to adopt SLIP, SLAP, SLOP message and act as role models.
- When classes are going on school visits (on island, residential or off island) St Martin's will remind parents and children about sun safety, request they bring sunscreen, hats and appropriate clothing.
- UV levels are monitored and during the warmer months, children will display the UV index daily on the sunscreen dispenser boards.

Protection

Shade

- The school playground has shade provided by the large trees.
- Children will be encouraged to use the shade during play/lunch times.
- During very high UV or very hot days, children without hats will have to play in the shaded areas of the playground.

Clothing

- Children will be encouraged to wear clothes that provide good sun protection.
- Children will wear a hat to protect their faces, ears and back of necks. Legionnaire or bucket style hats provide the best protection, but it is acknowledged that some children are currently wearing baseball hats and we will try to phase these out.



Sunscreen

- Parents are advised to apply sunscreen before children come to school in the morning. Children can bring their own sunscreen to re-apply during the day and there are sunscreen dispensers (SPF 50) located in the playground and Foundation Stage outdoor area for children who need to re-apply (due to be delivered the mid June 2017).
- When children are on school trips, parents must provide additional sunscreen and appropriate clothing.
- Children are expected to apply sunscreen themselves and staff will remind children to do so. Staff can support application of sunscreen in certain situations and parents must individually speak to staff about this e.g. children with additional needs or very young children.

Drinking water:

- All children are required to bring refillable water bottles with them each day and are encouraged to drink more when it is very hot.

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