



"At St Martin's School we are a fellowship of scholars who achieve excellence. We seek a rich, broad and challenging Curriculum. This culture puts us in control of our journey. Our children not only excel academically but are given the tools to enable them to pass their exams and converse at interview with confidence. This learning nurtures and stimulates us whilst emphasising the importance of individuality, intellectual wonder and self-actualisation. We obtain mastery in all aspects of the Curriculum. The heart of our journey is Literacy which we recognise as the fundamental tool of human communication. We explore the human condition through Music, Media and Drama. We value the planet, nature and fellow human beings in all their expressions."

We have written this policy as it particularly fits the ethos of our school. We are aware that children who attend St Martin's School live in different boroughs. However, for clarity we focus on the London Borough of Barnet.

This Policy will be disseminated to all staff for their contribution, understanding and agreement to adhere to it. It is on our website, in every classroom and a copy is in our main office for anyone to read and discuss.

Sun Safe Policy

Aims

- To present information to parents and children about enjoying the sun safely.
- To encourage children to take responsibility for their own safety based on a clear knowledge and understanding of the dangers.
- To incorporate the knowledge of sun care in to other curriculum areas and discussion opportunities.
- To make the children aware of areas within our school environment which provide shade.
- To make children aware of the dangers of the sun and how to protect themselves against these when in other settings away from school, eg. Visits out and residential visits.

Introduction

Sunshine makes the world a pleasant place to live and we all want to be outside enjoying sunny weather. We also must recognise that dangers from the sun can happen on cloudy days too.

The U.V. rays from the sun can be harmful, particularly to young children's skin and eyes. The heat from the sun can also cause dehydration and sun stroke.

Guidance

Always be prepared for the likelihood of the sun's rays causing harm. To prevent this:

- Wear suitable clothes, covering up most of the skin, particularly shoulders and neck.
- Wear hats which cover the head and neck. (these can be brought into school to wear during playtimes and during PE sessions).
- Parents are encouraged to apply high protection sun cream, preferable no lower than SPF 25 before school. This will last all day as long as the child does not wash it off. In the event of children being on a residential visit, parents are encouraged to teach their children how to apply sun cream to themselves, children are then reminded to do this during the visit..
- Children are encouraged to drink plenty of fluids, preferably water, which is always available in school.
- When very hot, teachers are advised to take regular short breaks throughout the day rather than keep children outside for prolonged periods eg the whole of playtime or lunchtime.
- Children are encouraged to seek shady places to sit if the sun is very bright and hot.
- Teachers should take great care when keeping children outside for prolonged PE activities when the sun is very bright and hot. Lessons may be shortened or combined with periods in the school hall.
- Staff must also be mindful of long-term exposure when taking children offsite as this should be considered as part of the risk assessment prior to the visit taking place.

Signed Dr Jason Walak – Head Teacher
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