



Mission Statement:

The Sacred Heart is a Community committed to the education of its pupils in a Catholic Christian ethos, where each person is invited to serve God and others in faith, hope and love.

Aims:

To foster spiritual growth in Christian faith and values
To value, enjoy and appreciate learning
To work for excellence
To further curiosity and creativity
To aspire to high ideals
To stimulate generous service of others

Care in the Sun Policy

Research has shown that too much sun can cause skin damage including sun burn, premature ageing and skin cancer. A simple sun burn in childhood can lead to long term damage increasing the risk of melanoma in later life.

Aims:

- To raise awareness among children of the dangers of excessive sun exposure
- To create a suitable environment with adequate shade and protection

Procedure:

- Sun awareness and sun safety issues will be addressed in appropriate curriculum areas, such as PSHEE, Science and PE
- The use of appropriate clothing, including sunhats /boaters and caps for Lower School.
- During intense heat or sunshine pupils will be encouraged to seek shade where possible to reduce long term exposure.
- Appropriate precautions are taken during outdoor events such as sitting on the shaded side of the pool during the swimming gala and provision of sunshades at the summer fete.
- We encourage children to use sunscreens in school and will endeavour to ensure that these are used correctly.
- Lower School children should bring in a named bottle of sunscreen

Staff Responsibilities:

- Teachers and supervisors will be familiar with the above guidelines and will ensure that they are correctly implemented.
- Staff will follow protection procedures and will act as role models
- We will endeavour to convey a positive message so that children can enjoy outdoor pursuits while being 'sun wise'.

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