

DURHAM TRINITY SCHOOL & SPORTS COLLEGE

SUN SAFETY POLICY

RATIONALE

Durham Trinity School & Sports College believes in Sun Safety to ensure that children and staff are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays in sunlight.

POLICY PROCEDURES

As part of the Sun Safety Policy, our school will:

- Educate children throughout the curriculum about the cause of skin cancer and how to protect their skin and eyes.
- Educate children to wear clothes that provide good sun protection, and use sunscreens where appropriate.
- Ensure that a reminder about sun protection goes into letters to parents about visits during the relevant terms.
- Hold outdoor activities in areas of shade whenever possible, and encourage children to use shady areas during breaks, lunch hours, sports and trips. Sunbathing is definitely discouraged.
- Work towards increasing the provision of adequate shade for everybody.
- Encourage staff and parents to act as good role models by practising sun safety.
- Regularly remind children, staff and parents about sun safety through newsletters and letters.
- Make sure the Sun Safety Policy is working. We will regularly monitor our curriculum, assess shade provision, and review the sun safety behaviour of children and staff (the use of hats, shade etc).
- Encourage pupils to apply their own sun cream (supplied by home) before break/lunch time or as necessary. Younger/less able pupils may need support with this and parental consent will be sought.
- Encourage students to wear sunglasses to protect their eyes, as and when appropriate.
- Parents are requested to sign a consent form advising school of their wishes with regard to providing and applying sunscreen to their child.