



PARISH CHURCH OF
ST. MARY THE VIRGIN
OXENHOPE

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Church of England Primary School

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24th May 2010

Dear Parent/ Guardian

I am writing with reference to some concerns that were raised by a local resident on Friday afternoon.

These concerns relate to the use of the school environmental area in the period of time straight after school. The resident was concerned that some children were using the area in an inappropriate manner. In one instance a child was seen walking along a dry stone wall belonging to the residents property carrying a large stone. It is assumed that the stone had been taken from the wall.

I have passed on the residents concerns to the schools governing body who in turn will be speaking to the Parish Council. We are aware that some of the gates to the area have been removed by the playground contractors and we are stressing that we feel that these need to be replaced as soon as possible.

We are also aware that the area is being used by members of the community out of school hours and has been subjected to anti social behaviour. We will also be looking to do whatever we can to discourage this in the future so that the area can be used more by the school for learning activities.

In the meantime please could you ensure that your child is supervised in this area. We will be discussing these issues in school with all the children. Our current whole school 'Investors in Pupils target' is to look after our school and all of its resources which relates very well to this issue.

Sun protection policy

Attached to this letter is a draft policy relating to this issue. I would appreciate your comments on its content before the policy is finalised after half term.

Many thanks for your support with this. If you would like to discuss this further then please feel free to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

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Oxenhope CE Primary School

Sun Protection Policy (draft May 2010)

At Oxenhope CE Primary School we want staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely.

We will work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this through:

EDUCATION-these measures are in place from now on:

- All pupils will have at least one Sun Awareness lesson per year (this may be done through a whole school assembly).
- Parents and guardians will be sent a letter explaining what the school is doing about sun protection and how they can help, at the beginning of the Summer term.

PROTECTION.

Shade:

- The school playground has some shaded areas provided by the building but these are limited.
- Children will be reminded to use these areas during playtimes.

Timetabling

- Every lesson at our school contains a reference to health and safety. During the summer term or periods of hot weather staff will pay attention to the need for sun protection when delivering lessons outdoors or leading off site visits.
- Lessons/ events may be rescheduled if staff they consider conditions pose a risk to the health and safety of participants.

Clothing.

- T-shirts with short sleeves will be worn for PE (not vest tops).
- Children are encouraged to bring sun hats that cover the ears, face and neck (these should be clearly labelled with the name of the child).
- Children will be encouraged to wear sun hats and sun glasses when appropriate.

Sun screen

- Parents and guardians will be encouraged to ensure that their children are protected by long lasting sunscreen each day before they arrive at school and are protected by appropriate clothing.
- Where appropriate children will be responsible for applying their own sunscreen in school. Parents may request assistance from staff to apply sunscreen to their child in writing.
- Parents are asked to send in small containers of sunscreen clearly labelled with the name of the child.
- The use of sunscreen will be encouraged if the children are to spend any length of time outside on hot days e.g. school trips.

All pupils have access to drinking water in their classrooms however we encourage children to bring their own larger bottles containing **water only** during the summer term.