Sun Policy
2026-27

Last review: October 2026

Date of next review: October 2027

"All things are possible with God."
Mark 10:27

Mission Statement:

All things are possible with faith, understanding and forgiveness; everyone can flourish together.

At St Anne's CE Lydgate, we want our children to be independent and resilient but to know that, when things seem overwhelming, there is always a guiding hand available from everyone in our school community. "When you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you" (Footprints in the Sand)

Moral of this story: *You're never ever alone, especially during your most trying times. God is always with you. Even if you can't be your own best friend yet, make sure to acknowledge the fact that God is your best friend always!*

Vision:

We aim to create successful citizens of the future who have a growth mind-set and are resilient and prepared for their journey through the ever-changing world in which we live.

We aim to do this by:

- Teaching the importance of being compassionate and respectful to others and role modelling the Christian Values, whilst at the same time respecting and recognising the value and importance of other faiths and lifestyles.
- Providing a rich and creative curriculum that inspires a passion for learning and promotes excellence.
- Collaborating and supporting others to achieve their very best; encompassing our school, our homes, our parish, and the wider community.
- Providing a nurturing and safe environment where children can be healthy and happy both physically and emotionally.
- Facilitating investigative learning opportunities through the development of the effective characteristics of learning.
- Promoting philosophical inquiry to stretch and develop analytical thinking and questioning; creating independent and creative thinkers who are resilient and prepared for all life has to offer.

Golden Values:

Community Faith Forgiveness Respect Perseverance

At St Anne's we will continuously strive to ensure that everyone is treated with respect and dignity. Each person will be given fair and equal opportunities to develop their full potential regardless of their gender, transgender, ethnicity, culture and religious background, sexuality, disability or special educational needs and ability.
The school will actively promote equality and foster positive attitudes and commitment to educational equality.

St Anne's Primary school believes in promoting Sun Safety to ensure that children and staff are protected from skin damage caused by harmful ultraviolet rays in sunlight.

As part of the Sun Safety policy, St Anne's school will:

- Talk to the children about how to protect their skin from damage by the sun;
- Encourage children to wear clothes and hats that provide good sun protection and use sunscreens where appropriate;
- Seek shade, particularly in the middle of the day and to use shady areas during breaks, lunchtimes, sports and trips;
- 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, posters and activities for pupils.
- Encourage pupils to drink plenty of water during hot, sunny weather;
- Make sure the policy is working. We will regularly monitor our curriculum, assess shade provision and review the sun safety behaviour of students and staff (use of hats, shade etc).

St Anne's school wishes to encourage pupils to protect themselves from the sun. One way of doing this is to use sunscreen at the appropriate time. If a pupil is to use sunscreen at school, parents are asked to notify the class team and:

- Provide a sunscreen product for school use. The sunscreen must be:
    a. Clearly marked with the child's name.
    b. Replenished by the parents as needed.
- The sunscreen product will be stored in the child's book bag or other location designated by the class teacher.
- The child must be able to apply his or own sunscreen (except Reception children)
- Parents are asked to apply sunscreen to their child at home before a typical school day, this will be reapplied to Reception children as necessary by staff.

If it is considered necessary for staff to assist with the application of sunscreen, this will only be applied to the face, neck, arms, hands and lower legs. Parents are asked to provide written instructions for their child's individual needs.

Equal Opportunities

St Anne`s CE Lydgate Primary School is an inclusive school where we focus on the well-being and progress of every child and where all members of our community are of equal worth.

We believe that the Equality Act provides a framework to support our commitment to valuing diversity, tackling discrimination, promoting equality and fostering good relationships between people. It also ensures that we continue to tackle issues of disadvantage and underachievement of different groups.

The Equality Act 2010 was introduced to ensure protection from discrimination, harassment and victimisation on the grounds of specific characteristics (referred to as protective characteristics). This means that schools cannot discriminate against children/staff or treat them less favourably because of their gender, race, disability, religion or belief, gender reassignment, sexual orientation, pregnancy or maternity. Age and marriage and civil partnerships are also "protected characteristics."

The formulation of this policy is in line with the Equality Act.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Policy and practice are regularly evaluated. Feedback along with recommendations to inform future policy and planning will be given to all relevant parties.

The school leadership team has a responsibility to ensure the policy is embedded into the school provision and report to governors on the effectiveness of the policy regularly.