



## Sun Awareness Policy

Dear Parent/Carer,

Now the summer term has started, I wanted to write to remind you about our Sun Awareness Policy. The sun's rays are particularly strong over the summer, and they can damage children's skin.

Too much sun exposure can lead to skin cancer in later life. Your child's health and well-being are very important to us, which is why we:

- Have provided more shade in the Early Years Outdoor Areas and encourage children to use the shade of the trees and structures during outside activities
- Encourage children to wear hats when outside
- Encourage children to use a high factor children's sunscreen in summer months

**More details of these and other sun protection procedures can be found in our 'Sun Awareness Policy' which will be uploaded on to the website later this week.**

Your support is very important if our new policies are going to work.

You can help by:

- Talking to your child about the importance of sun protection at home, and teaching them to apply sun cream carefully
- Sending your child to school with a hat (named and preferable wide-brimmed or a cap with neck protection)
- Applying sun cream to your child before school during the summer months, even if the day starts out dull
- Sending your child to school with additional sun cream in a named container
- Sending your child into school with a named water bottle

Please understand that it is simply not possible for 1 teacher to apply sun cream at breaks and lunch to 30 children. Even if application took one minute per child, break would be over before half the class had left the classroom. It is for this reason it is vital that your child comes with waterproof sun cream already applied. We will of course supervise children who wish to top up their sun cream and encourage them to do so carefully. We will also remind the children to drink plenty of water, stay in shady areas and wear their hats.

Together I hope we can have a very happy and safe summer term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Nellist

**PLEASE RETURN TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

Consent:

Child's Name: ..... Class: .....

- I give permission for staff to assist in the application of sun cream, which I have provided for my child as necessary during their school day
- I agree to provide sun cream in a labelled bottle with my child's name on it
- I understand that I will need to provide a sun hat and a water bottle (named) during the summer months

Parent/Carer Name:

Signature:

Date: