



14<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Sun Safety – Keep Children Safe

Following our first sunny school week of 2024 last week, and following my reminder on the newsletter last Wednesday, it is an appropriate time to draw your attention again to the change in weather that we are seeing and the need for us all to keep your children safe.

With more sun enjoyed over the weekend, and hopefully more to come, I have attached a copy of the school's 'Sunscreen and Sun Safety Statement' for your attention. This highlights our commitment to keeping your children safe in the sunshine as we seek to work in partnership with you.

The first page details the role we play as a school in keeping your child safe – we will encourage, support and remind, as well as praise children for bringing sun lotion into school or for making sure that this is applied before school. We also ensure that children know to think about keeping themselves safe in the sun – it was great to have such a positive response to this in assembly last Friday when the newsletter reminder was discussed.

#### **What can you do to help us keep your children safe in the sun?**

- Send your child to school on sunny days with a hat to offer protection
  - Apply sun cream to your child before bringing them to school
  - Provide children with sun cream in their school bag if appropriate
- Ensure that children have a drink, or access to water, in school to support hydration
- Please feel comfortable letting us know if you know that your child is particularly susceptible to the effects of the sun and let us know how we might help with this beyond the measures listed below.

#### **What will we do to keep your child safe at school?**

- We will encourage children to wear hats that you provide when playing outside
  - We will help children to find shade when playing outside
  - We will remind children to drink regularly
- We will praise children for bringing sun lotion into school or making sure that this is applied before school
  - Prompt children to remove their jumpers or take a break
- Point out to children when they look hot and discuss what measures they can take
  - Explore with parents when sun-exposed children are brought to school

We will continue to provide reminders to parents and community members of the importance of taking care of children in the sunshine throughout the summer months on our newsletter. Remember to talk to us should your child need particular care or attention in this respect.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Hampton  
Head Teacher