



## St Oswald's CE VA Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Re: Being safe in the sun!**

Now the summer term is here, I wanted to write and tell you about our new sun protection policy.

The sun's rays are particularly strong over the summer and they can damage children's skin. This may not seem like a problem right now, but sadly it can lead to skin cancer in later life. Your child's health, safety and well-being are extremely important to us and as a result we are going to:

- Spend some learning time about staying safe in the sun.
- Increase the shade by opening up our wooded area and developing an outside classroom.
- Actively encourage all children and staff to wear a hat when they are outside. Please send your child to school wearing a comfortable wide brimmed hat or legionnaire style cap.
- Encourage children and staff to wear UV protective sunglasses.

If your child is fair-skinned or burns easily it may be a good idea to provide additional protection by using sunscreen with a factor of at least SPF 15. Staff at St Oswald's will be supervising children applying sunscreen and helping those that are not able to apply sunscreen by themselves. If you would like your child to be able to apply sunscreen in school please return the sunscreen permission form (at the bottom of this letter) with a bottle of sunscreen which is at least SPF 15, clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

More details of these and other new sun protection plans can be found in our sun protection policy which I am attaching to this letter.

Parents' support is very important if our new policies are going to work. You can help by:

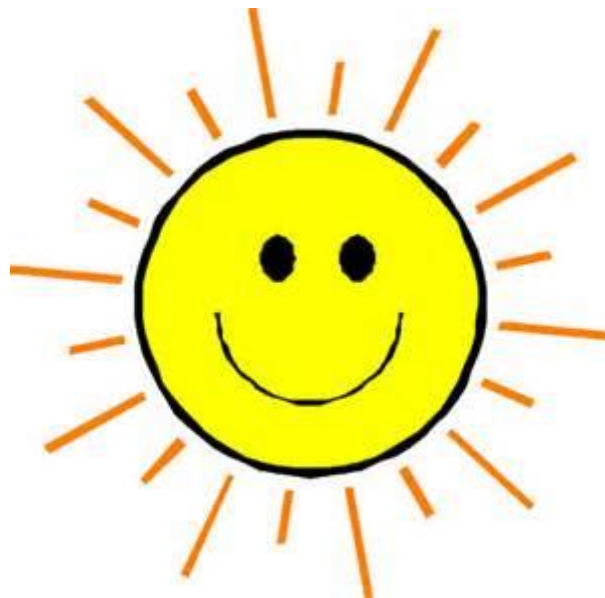
- Talking to your child about the importance of sun protection at home.
- Helping them to apply sunscreen and encouraging children to ensure all exposed areas have cream on.

- Remembering to send your child to school with a wide brimmed hat.
- Sending a bottle of sunscreen into school (at least SPF 15)

Together I hope we can have a very happy and safe term to come!

Kind Regards,

Helen Smith



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I have provided my child \_\_\_\_\_ in year \_\_\_\_\_ with a bottle of sunscreen (SPF 15 or more) and give permission for my child to apply this (or if unable to do so themselves a member of staff to assist) when school staff feel it is required.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_