



RESPECT, HONESTY, COMPASSION, TEAMWORK, KINDNESS, RESILIENCE

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As the weather becomes warmer, we wanted to share a few reminders about how we work together to keep children safe, comfortable and happy during the hotter days when the UV becomes high.

With, sadly, limited shaded areas around school, it is important that children arrive at school each day with high-factor suncream already applied at home, the all-day ones are great – even though the children can and should reapply. We also strongly encourage children to bring a **sun hat or cap**, and sunglasses are very welcome if your child would like to wear them. Please ensure your child has a water bottle that we can refill during the day.

Children may bring **additional suncream into school** in a **clearly labelled bottle**, and staff will supervise and remind children to apply it themselves at appropriate points during the day, particularly before outdoor play. To keep everyone safe, children are **not allowed to share suncream** under any circumstances, as this could pose a risk to children with allergies or sensitive skin. In line with safeguarding guidance (KCSIE) and DfE expectations, school staff are **not able to apply suncream to children**, unless this has been formally agreed as part of a care or medical plan. This approach ensures clear professional boundaries and helps keep both children and staff safe.

We do everything we can in school to keep children as cool as possible, including providing regular drinks – refilling bottles frequently at break times, encouraging rest breaks and adapting our routine when needed. As lunchtime is often the hottest part of the day, there may be occasions when children stay indoors at that time to protect them from the strongest sun and help them remain cool. Please be reassured that children will still spend time outside at other points during the day to enjoy fresh air and play — we simply avoid outdoor exposure when the sun is at its peak.

Thank you, as always, for your support. Our decisions are guided by what is safest and best for the children, and we are grateful for your help in working alongside us to keep them protected, comfortable and well.

Kind Regards

Mrs D Hallam

Headteacher