

SPRINGVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear families,

It is that time of year, when the sun comes out every now and again, and I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our sun cream policy.

We ask that:

- Parents ensure that a high factor sunscreen (SPF 15+) is applied to your child **BEFORE SCHOOL** (This includes Nursery children).
- For children from F2 upwards (i.e. those who are in school for the whole day) please can you send a bottle of sunscreen, **CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME**, into school. This will be saved in class for the children to apply at lunchtime, as appropriate.
- To minimise the time this will take, we ask that you teach your child to apply the cream effectively. We recognise that younger children, or children with mobility issues, may face some difficulty in applying cream themselves. In this instance our staff will endeavour to assist in these cases. There is no legal requirement for staff to do this so I am grateful to them for their support in this matter.
- If your child attends Nursery for a morning or afternoon session only (children are only in for a part of the day), applying cream before they arrive should suffice. However, if your child attends for 30 hours, please could you provide Nursery with a bottle of sun cream, **CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME**. We strongly recommend however that a waterproof cream is used as the children do engage in water based play.
- Please also send your child with a suitable cap or hat and clothing that protects as much skin as possible. Sun caps with the school logo on can be purchased via the office. Please ensure that your child's cap/hat is labelled with their name.

If your child has a particular vulnerability to the sun which you would like us to be aware of, please advise the teacher in charge. Permission slips have already been signed when your child first started school, but please advise us if any details have changed.

Lastly, could we please stress the importance of having a water bottle (named) in school at all times please. Children are encouraged to drink in break times or when teachers are not directly teaching. At lunch time they can take their water bottle outside and leave it in the shade next to their classroom windows. Many thanks for your help and support in keeping the children safe in the sun.

Yours sincerely, L McClure, Head