



London Borough of Havering
ENGAYNE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Sun Protection Policy

Now that the summer term has started, I wanted to write and update you all about our **new sun protection policy**.

The policy has been developed with the help of parents, teachers, governors, local health professionals and pupils to ensure we can all enjoy the sun safely over the coming months.

The sun's rays are particularly strong over the summer and can damage children's skin, leading to serious medical conditions in later life. Your child's health and well-being are paramount to us, which is why we have decided to:

- increase the amount of school time learning about sun protection;
- work on providing more shade in our outside areas;
- ensure pupils are wearing hats outside, and;
- encourage all pupils to wear SPF 30+ sunscreen in summer months.

More details of the new plans can be found in the attached policy.

Your support is very important if this new policy is to work. You can help by:

- **Ideally, providing a wide-brimmed hat (named) for use when outside, or failing that provide a cap or something similar. A new wide-brimmed Engayne hat will be available in the 2019-20 academic year.**
- **Applying sun screen with an SPF of 30+ before your child comes to school**
- **Sending in a bottle of sun screen labelled for use in school and on trips**
- **Encouraging your child to drink plenty of water and send in a water bottle**
- **Supporting any fundraising activities for new playground shades and canopy purchases.**

We are encouraging parents to send in a bottle of sunscreen to school with their child. This bottle will remain in class over the summer months. **Children will need to apply this themselves as necessary.** In instances where a pupil has no bottle of sunscreen in school, the school will supply them with some. In order for us to do this, we need your permission for your child to use the school's sunscreen. **We will assume that you have given permission for your child to use the school's own sunscreen unless you tell us that you do not wish this to happen.**

Please read and return the sun screen permission slip below ONLY to **OPT OUT** of the school's intention to provide sun screen if your child does not have any in school.



Please take careful note of your child's swimming day and time. The pool cleaning and filter system will be damaged by excess sun cream. We suggest that if swimming in the morning slots, the children apply the sun cream **AFTER** their swim. For afternoon slots, please apply sun cream as usual in the morning. The children can reapply the cream after their swim.

Our aim is to ensure that your children can enjoy being outdoors safely.

Thank you for your help and support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Sankey

Head Teacher

Please provide sun screen for your child.

The school will automatically provide sun screen for your child if you do not send any in. Please return this slip **only** if you **DO NOT WISH** your child to use the school's sunscreen.

I **DO NOT** wish to use or have the school administer the school sun cream if deemed necessary.

..... (Parent/Carer)
