

# USE OF SUNSCREENS POLICY

## Willow Tree Primary SCHOOL

Willow Tree Primary School believes in promoting Sun Safety to ensure that children and staff are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays in sunlight.

As part of our Sun Safety Policy, Willow Tree Primary School will:

- Educate children throughout the curriculum about the causes of skin cancer and how to protect their skin;
- Encourage children to wear clothes that provide good sun protection, and use sunscreens where appropriate;
- On sunny or very bright days seek shade, particularly in the middle of the day and to use shady areas during breaks, lunchtimes, sports and trips.
- Encourage staff and parents to act as good role models by practising sun safety;
- Regularly remind children, staff and parents about sun safety through newsletters;
- Drink plenty of water during hot, sunny weather;

Willow Tree Primary School wishes to encourage students to protect themselves from the sun. One way of doing this is to use sunscreen at the appropriate time. If a pupil is to use sunscreen at school, parents are asked to:

1. Apply sunscreen at home before a typical school day
2. Provide the sunscreen product for school use. The sunscreen must be:
  - a. Clearly marked with the child's name.
  - b. Replenished by the parent as needed.
  - c. If possible with a spray nozzle
3. The sunscreen product will be stored in a location designated by the teacher.
4. The child must be able to apply his or her own sunscreen. In FS and KS1 staff will help by putting an appropriate amount of sunscreen on areas needing coverage and the children will be encouraged to rub this in themselves.

If it is considered necessary for teachers/staff to assist with the application of sunscreen, the sunscreen will only be applied to face, neck, arms, hands and lower legs. Parents are asked to provide written instruction to teachers for their child's individual needs.

**Signed: Helen Davey**

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