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Dear Parent/Guardian

### Use of Sunscreen in School

The school is concerned about protecting pupils from sunburn and from skin damage that can be caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays in the sunlight. Almost all skin cancers and sunburn is caused by the sun in this country, and it is possible to prevent this happening. The school believes that by encouraging sun safe behaviour at school and teaching children about the risks of sunlight, we can prevent them burning and contribute towards preventing skin cancer.

The school would like your help and support in this matter. We will be encouraging children to avoid sunburn and overexposure to the sun by:

- seeking the shade, particularly during the middle of the day
- wearing suitable hats
- wearing clothing that protects the skin, particularly for outdoor activities and school trips
- using a high factor sunscreen (SPF 15+).

You can help by encouraging your child to bring, and wear a hat at school, particularly on sports days and school excursions. Also by encouraging them to wear long sleeved shirts and longer shorts when outdoors.

Sunscreens provide added protection and may be useful when other measures are not available. Dermatologists recommend that a sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 15 or above will provide children in this country with adequate protection. The school requests that parents or carers provide sunscreen for this purpose, in a bottle clearly marked with the pupil's name. Sunscreen applied before school provides insufficient protection for a whole day. In addition there may be occasions when a child forgets their sunscreen, and for this purpose the school has a supply of a particular sunscreen, Garnier Ambre Solaire Resisto Swim Kids High Protection Spray High SPF 50.

Most children will be able, with some direction, to apply sunscreens themselves. However, young children or those with special educational needs may require some help. Staff will often assist children on a voluntary basis.

If you do not wish for the school to supply your child and help apply the above named sun care lotion would you please contact us for our records.

Yours sincerely



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