



Dear Parents,

We are pleased to inform you that Hallam Fields Junior School are renewing our Sun Safe Schools annual accreditation – the content of which forms part of our duty of care to ensure the continued health and wellbeing of your child(ren) during school hours. Whilst we recognise that some sun is good for us, Sun Safety remains an important health and safety issue for schools and we are committed to reducing the risk of over exposure to UV during school hours and educating our future generations on the importance of Sun Safety, to influence behaviour for a positive Sun Safe future.

Parental support will play a vital role in our efforts to implement effective control measures particularly with the provision and/or application of sunscreen and sun hats. It will of course be necessary to take a practical approach toward the application of sunscreen. Children are strongly encouraged to apply their own sunscreen with assistance provided only where necessary to younger or less able pupils, unless otherwise instructed by the parent. Parents can provide valuable support in this respect by providing their child(ren) with additional guidance and practice on how to apply their own sunscreen effectively, with minimum mess! **We are pleased to inform you that our school will be providing sunscreen for all pupils and staff and these dispensers are available in all classrooms. If you require your child to take a patch test please contact the school.** It is recommended that parents also apply sunscreen before school during summer months. However, please note that your child will still need to reapply their sunscreen at school to ensure protection during peak UV hours (between 11am and 3pm).

In line with our policy, we ask that parents ensure their child has access to a suitable sun hat that is clearly labelled and kept at school through to the end of September. Sun hats should be either broad-brimmed (bucket style) or legionnaire to shade the face, neck and ears. Baseball caps are not recommended.

As we work toward renewing our Sun Safe accreditation, all pupils will, once more learn about Sun Safety in assembly and in class to reinforce and develop their understanding of the importance of Sun Safety. Again, your support in reinforcing this messaging at home will be of great benefit, helping to influence behaviours for a positive, Sun Safe future.

Further guidance and practical advice about UV, Sun Safety, skin cancer prevention and early detection can be found at: www.skcin.org Please fill in the reply slip attached to confirm that you have received this information and return to school as soon as possible.

We thank you for your continued and valued support.

Yours Faithfully,
Mrs Carr

Hallam Fields Junior School