

16th May 2019

RE: Summer Clothing, Sun Cream, Water Bottles and the Use of the Field

Dear Parent,

The weather seems to be improving and this means that there will be more activities outside and the children will be able to play on the school field. Please see the information below about the precautions we need to take to protect children from the effects of the sun and hot weather.

Summer Clothing

We want your child to enjoy the sun safely and, although there are areas of shade around the field, we ask that children are provided with a **sun hat**. For health and safety reasons, with a large number of children running around, we ask that children wear sensible shoes and that sandals are not open-toed. You can choose to provide your child with a pair of trainers to wear while playing on the field, however, smart black school shoes need to be worn at other times. Grey or black school shorts can be worn during the summer months and girls can choose to wear a checked royal blue dress, in line with the school's uniform policy. It is also a good time to check that jumpers and cardigans have names in them as children often take them off and put them down when out at play.

Use of Sun Cream

If needed could your child arrive at school with **sun cream** applied to exposed skin. Although we do have a limited supply of factor 50 sun screen available in school, if they could bring in sun cream for them to reapply during the day that would be really helpful. If your child has a specific allergy, please inform us and ensure that you provide us with sun cream that they can use, ensuring the bottle is clearly labelled with your child's name. We will supervise the younger children putting on their own sun cream and, where needed, we will help them put the cream on. We would like your consent for us to apply the cream and this is something that we have taken as part of the general consent forms. **If you do not wish us to put sun cream on your child for any reason, please contact the school.**

Water Bottles

The school has provided your child with a water bottle and these are filled daily. We will ensure that the children are reminded to drink plenty of water throughout the day.

Areas of Play

We will talk to the children about playing outside in hot weather and the importance of protecting themselves in the sun. We will tell the children where they can play on the field and where they cannot go and suitable games that they can play during their lunch break. If it rains, we will be inspecting the field on a daily basis and will keep the children off if it is too damp or muddy.

End of School Day & Use of the Field

I would ask that you do not let your child onto the field or in the Early Years play area at the end of the day. We have found in the past that children are allowed to climb trees and break the branches, play fight with sticks, climb over the amphitheatre, hang off the goals, play with equipment for younger children and many other games that cause damage to the school facilities.

We wish to use the field with the children attending the After School Club and the Extra-Curricular Activities when these are running. As such, we need to ensure that all parents and children have left the site promptly and the front gate is locked by 3.45pm at the latest. This is in the interests of the safety and protection of children in our care at the end of the day and it allows the other activities to begin.

Of course, the café facility is open every night for parents to sit and chat and the library is also open each evening until 5.00pm if you wish to take your child to choose and change their book.

Thanks for your support in these matters. If you have any questions please do contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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