



Thistly Meadow Primary School

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Thistly Meadow is committed to the health and safety of the children in its care.

Aim

Our aim in setting this policy is to protect children when playing in the sun at school and to build an awareness of safe behaviour in the sun, establishing good habits for the future.

All children will be involved in a discussion, appropriate for their age and understanding at the start of the summer about sun protection and risks.

Sunsmart

Sunsmart¹ is the national skin cancer prevention campaign run by Cancer Research UK. The Sunsmart schools initiative encourages schools to develop and adopt sun protection policies. They are part of a broader campaign communicating effective skin cancer prevention messages to the general public. In compiling this policy, the school has referred to the guidance given. The five key **Sunsmart** skin cancer prevention messages are:

1. Stay in the shade from 11am to 3pm when you can
2. Make sure you never burn
3. Always cover up - wear a t-shirt, hat and wraparound sunglasses
4. Remember children burn more easily
5. Then use factor 15+ sunscreen

Shade

During the day, when the sun is very strong and the children are outside, we will make use of shaded areas.

Clothing

Parents should provide their child with a named sun hat or legionnaires cap from April onwards and ensure their child brings a water bottle to school every day. Drinking water is freely available throughout the day and water bottles can be purchased from the school office.

¹ The SunSmart Campaign is supported by: The UV Health Promotion Group whose members include the British Association of Dermatologists, National Radiological Protection Board, Skin Care Campaign, Wessex Cancer Trust, Health and Safety Executive, Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Sun cream

Parents should apply sun cream to their child **before** they come to school. Parents are encouraged to apply 8 hour sun cream which is now widely available. Teachers are not obliged to apply sun cream and it is not practical for staff to apply cream to 30 children during the day as this takes up valuable teaching time.

For children who are at school for over 8 hours a day for example, for example those who stop for Breakfast and After School club, if you think your child will need a 'top up' we will need your written consent to apply sun cream at After School club. Please return the consent slip (Appendix A) if you wish us to do this. We will provide a known brand of sun cream for the children which will be a minimum factor of 30. If your child has an allergy to a particular brand of sun cream you will need to provide a named cream for your child.

APPENDIX A

THISTLY MEADOW PRIMARY SCHOOL AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

SUN CREAM CONSENT

Name of child..... Year.....

I have read the Thistly Meadow Primary School Sun Safety policy and acknowledge it is my responsibility to ensure that sun cream is applied to my child at the start of the day.

I give my consent for staff at Thistly Meadow After School Club to apply sun cream to my child after 8 hours.

Signed..... Date.....

Parent/Carer

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