

# Suncream Application Guidance

## Primary School Sun Safety Guidance for Hot Weather

### Purpose

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of children during spells of hot weather by protecting them from sunburn and overexposure to harmful UV rays.

### Scope

This policy applies to all students, staff, and parents/guardians during any period of hot weather when outdoor activities are scheduled.

### Guidelines

- **Parental Responsibility:** Parents/guardians are requested to apply suncream to their children before they arrive at school. A high SPF (30 or above) and water-resistant suncream is recommended.
- **Bringing Suncream to School:** Children may bring their own clearly labelled bottle of suncream to school. The label should include the child's name to avoid sharing and potential allergic reactions.
- **Application During School Hours:** If re-application is required, staff will supervise and assist younger children in applying their own suncream to exposed areas such as the face, neck, arms, and legs. Staff are not permitted to apply suncream directly to children.
- **Shade and Protection:** Staff will encourage children to play in shaded areas and will monitor time spent outdoors to reduce exposure during peak sunlight hours (11 AM – 3 PM).
- **Clothing:** Parents are encouraged to ensure that their child has a sunhat in school and a bottle of water to stay hydrated.

### Implementation

Staff will ensure students are reminded to reapply suncream if necessary and will educate them about the importance of sun safety. Regular reminders will be sent to parents regarding the weather forecast and the need for sun protection.