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Dear Parents / Carers,

Sun Protection Policy

At Cavendish we are very keen to protect your child from all potential danger; this includes the risk of being sunburnt. The sun's rays are particularly strong over the summer and they can damage children's skin. Skin cancer is the fastest growing form of cancer in the UK and the most common in the 15-35 age group, but 80% of skin cancer is easily preventable which is why we have decided to:

- increase the amount of school time spent learning about sun protection
- provide shade in the school grounds
- encourage pupils to wear hats and t-shirts when outside
- encourage pupils to use sunscreen of factor 30 or more
- include sunhats as part of our school uniform (baseball caps £2.75 / legionnaires' caps £3.00 / bucket hats with a full brim £4.50)

More details of these and other new Sun protection plans can be found in our SunSmart policy which is on the back of this letter.

You can help further by:

- talking to your child about the importance of sun protection at home
- sending your child to school with an appropriate hat
- returning the slip below to allow your child to apply their own sunscreen at school (this should be supplied in a clearly labelled bottle with your child's name)
- giving permission for school, in exceptional circumstances, to allow your child to apply school sunscreen if staff feel it is necessary to do so

Regards,

Rachel Laben
Acting Headteacher

Sunscreen Permission Slip

I / we give permission for _____ (child's name)

- to bring a named sunscreen to school and apply it themselves during the school day. I understand that the sunscreen will be kept in a place deemed suitable by the child's class teacher and used at their discretion.
- my child has no known allergies therefore I give permission for school to allow my child to apply school owned sunscreen if necessary.

(please delete any statements above you do not approve)

Signed: _____

Date _____

Cavendish Junior School

SunSmart Sun Protection Policy

At Cavendish Junior School we want staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this through:

EDUCATION

- All pupils will have at least one SunSmart lesson per year.
- We will talk about how to be SunSmart in assemblies at the start of the summer term.
- Parents and carers will be sent a letter explaining what the school is doing about sun protection and how they can help at the beginning of the summer term.
- Teachers will be given reminders about our SunSmart policy and the need to deliver a lesson.

PROTECTION – this is an ongoing process and is under constant review & scrutiny:

Shade

- We are planting trees in the school garden and other native trees in a currently unprotected area of the school field.
- We have shade provided by canopies in our Courtyard area.
- We also have parasols in the Courtyard and playground areas which are put up during the summer term.

Timetabling:

- Our Sports' Day will start at 9.30 am to avoid participants being out during the hottest part of the day.

Clothing:

- We have school sun hats which are available from school (baseball caps £2.75, legionnaires caps £3.00 and full brimmed bucket hats (recommended) at £4.50 each.
- Staff will remind children to wear hats (and sunglasses although not during PE) when on the playground or school field on sunny days.

Sunscreen:

Although we cannot supply sunscreen to all pupils because of cost we will:

- Encourage the use of sunscreen on school visits
- Send letters home asking for permission for children to apply sunscreen during the summer months.