

# RGS SPRINGFIELD

## Early Years Sun Care Policy

- RGS Springfield is committed to ensuring that all children are fully protected from the dangers of too much sun.
- We ask parents to supply a sun hat for their child. All children must have a clearly named hat which will be worn at all times whilst outside in sunny weather. This hat will preferably be of school legionnaires design.
- Children must have their own sun block/cream named and dated with written consent for staff to apply. Parents/carers are asked to apply long-lasting, water-resistant sun cream at home of at least a factor 40 strength. We will expect children to arrive at School with sun cream on at the beginning of the day. If this is not the case, parents should inform a member of staff who will ensure sun cream is applied.
- In Dragonflies, children will be encouraged by staff to re-apply sun cream themselves at regular intervals. Staff will model how this is done and observe and support any children needing extra assistance. In Nursery, staff will be more active in assisting with re-applying sun cream.
- In the event of parents forgetting cream, staff will either phone and ask if they can use the named emergency supply sun cream (checking they are not allergic to it) or children will wear clothes which protect them from the sun and only remain in the shade outside for maximum of 15 minutes, before having to return inside.
- We will notify parents in writing of our sun protection policy and ask them to sign our 'administering sun cream form'.
- During the hottest days children will be encouraged to spend time inside, or to play in the shade out of the sun. Shade is naturally provided by the trees and, when possible, additional shade will be provided in the form of fabric canopies to ensure children are able to cool down or escape the sun should they wish or need to.
- Children will be reminded to drink regularly either from their water bottles or at the drinking station which is set up daily.
- Asian and black skin colouring - Carers of children with this type of skin should be aware that these skin types can be very tolerant to sunshine. However, it is important to remember that burning can still occur if living in the UK.

- Parents and guardians will be sent a letter explaining what we are doing about sun protection and how they can help at the beginning of the summer term and during summer holidays.
- All staff will be informed of the importance of sun safety and information will be made available in the staff room and medical room.
- Children will be taught appropriately about the need for sun protection and its importance through discussion such as circle time and assemblies.

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