



# GILLIBRAND

## Primary School

### Sun Protection Policy

At Gillibrand Primary 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 Sun Awareness lesson per year.
- We will talk about how to be Sun Aware in assemblies at the start of the summer term.
- Parents and guardians 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.
- Staff will encourage the children to wear their hats when they are outside.

#### **PROTECTION:**

##### **Shade:**

- We have had the trees trimmed in the Infant playground so that children can sit under them for shade
- We have sun umbrellas in the Junior Playground

##### **Clothing:**

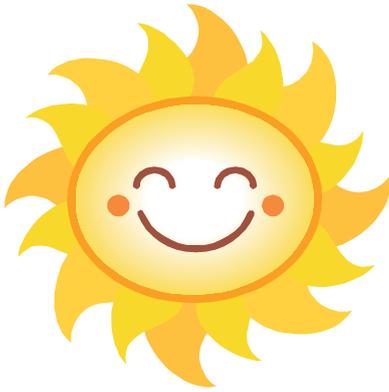
- We have school sun hats available for parents to purchase from the School Office

##### **Sunscreen:**

- We cannot currently supply sunscreen to all pupils on a daily basis because of cost.
- Sunscreen use will be encouraged on school trips and staff will be provided with extra sunscreen in case children forget their own.
- We will send letters home asking for permission for children to apply sunscreen during the summer months.

This policy was reviewed in April 2016

We will monitor our progress and review the policy annually.



# SUMMER IS HERE!

Now the summer term has started I wanted to write and tell you about our new sun protection policy. We have developed this policy to ensure that we can all enjoy the sun safely over the coming months.

The sun's rays are particularly strong over the summer and they can damage children's skin. This may not seem like a problem right now, but sadly it can lead to skin cancer in later life. Children with fair skin, lots of moles or freckles, or a family history of skin cancer are most at risk.

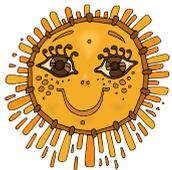
Your child's health and well-being are very important to us, which is why we have decided to:

- increase the amount of school time spent learning about sun protection
- encourage pupils to wear hats and t-shirts when outside
- encourage pupils to use sunscreen on school trips.

More details of these and other new sun protection plans can be found in our Sun Protection Policy which I am attaching to this letter.

Your support is very important if our new policy is going to work. You can help by:

- talking to your child about the importance of sun protection at home
- sending your child to school with a hat
- sending your child to school with sunscreen



All classes have a bottle of high factor sunscreen for teachers to apply should a child not have sun protection with them at school. If you do not wish a teacher to apply sun protection cream on your child, please complete the slip below and return it to school.

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## Sun Protection

I do not wish my child .....  
to have sun protection cream applied by the class teacher.

Signed.....