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Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Sun Safe Schools**

Many of you will know that Hallwood Park Primary School & Nursery is taking part in the Sun Safe Schools national accreditation scheme, which has been developed by the national skin cancer charity "SKcin", to assist primary schools in implementing a successful policy whilst encouraging schools and parents to work together to increase knowledge, influence behaviour and prevent skin cancer.

Without protection from the sun (particularly between 11am and 3pm), a child's delicate skin can easily burn and this can cause damage over time that could significantly increase their risk of developing skin cancer later in life.

**The good news is that skin cancer is almost entirely preventable and with parental support, simple steps can be undertaken to ensure that your child is protected and can enjoy the sun safely.**

In line with our Sun Safe Policy, we ask parents to:

- Provide your child with a quality\* sunscreen (lotion/spray) to keep in school between April and the end of September. This must be clearly named.

(\* It is recommended that sunscreen should have a minimum Sun Protection Factor (SPF) 30+, provide both UVA and UVB protection, and if labelled with a UVA star rating, carry a minimum of 4 stars.)

- Teach your child how to apply their own sunscreen. Staff in school will only assist very young children or those less able.
- Apply sunscreen to your child before school during summer months. Your child will then need to reapply their sunscreen at school during peak UV hours (between 11am and 3pm), usually before playtimes.
- Provide your child with a suitable, clearly named, sun hat that is kept in school from April through to the end of September. Sun hats should be either broad-brimmed (bucket style) or legionnaire to shade the face, neck and ears. NB baseball caps are not recommended.

The children will learn about sun safety in school to reinforce the key messages and to develop their understanding of the importance of sun safety. Guidance and practical advice can be found in the "Sun Safety and Skin Cancer" information booklets provided with this letter. You will find our policy in the parents' section of the school website.

Please fill in the reply slip below to confirm that you have received this information and return it to school as soon as possible. You can use the school app to do this if you prefer.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs K Goodwin  
**Headteacher**

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### Sun Safe Schools

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

1. I have noted the school's Sun Safe Policy on the website, the letter dated 18/04/2020 detailing the parental support required and the Sun Safety information booklet.
2. I have noted what parents are asked to do.
3. In the event that my child's stock of sunscreen has run out, I give permission for my child to use the school's sunscreen in an emergency.

**OR**

My child has an allergic reaction to sunscreen and must not use the emergency sunscreen.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/carer)