



Silverhill Primary School
Policy for Sun Safety

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At Silverhill Primary School we are fully aware of the potential dangers of exposing children and adults to too much sun. Skin cancer is preventable and by protecting the skin it is possible to reduce the risk of sunburn and cumulative damage caused by the sun. There is evidence that sunburn in childhood increases the risk of skin cancer in later life.

The prime responsibility for children's health and welfare rests with their **parents and carers**, and so we would strongly recommend that between the months of April and September children are provided with:

- appropriate clothing, including sun hats, especially wide brimmed or legionnaire;
- the appropriate factor sunscreen;
- sufficient liquid to prevent dehydration.

We, as a **school**, will:

- provide shady areas for children to use whilst outside;
- remind children to wear their sun hats whilst outside;
- give children the opportunity to reapply their sunscreen at lunchtime
- ensure children have access to water.

Summer is the time of year we all look forward to, and by following simple guidelines we can rest assured that we are providing the children and adults at Silverhill with a safe environment in which to enjoy the sun.

This policy was agreed by the *Governing body* on 1 July 2010 and will be reviewed annually.