

GREENWOOD HOUSE ASSESSMENT CENTRE
SUN PROTECTION POLICY

Mission Statement

At Greenwood House, we provide a safe, nurturing and stimulating educational environment, where each child will establish a secure foundation in terms of learning and wellbeing, thus developing the skills and capabilities to reach his/her full potential.

Rational

At Greenwood House we recognise the importance of keeping safe in the sun. In particular, we follow Care in the Sun guidance from Cancer Focus NI and the HSC Public Health Agency (www.careinthesun.org). Our children regularly engage in outdoor play and learning and it is important that they are protected from the sun. Covering up and seeking shade are the most important sun protection measures. In addition, sunscreen can provide protection to exposed skin. However sunscreen should not be used to increase the amount of time spent in the sun. Parents are encouraged to apply sunscreen to their children before school starts (SPF 15 or above).

In order to develop care in the sun we implement the following sun protection strategies:

- Ensure that all children are adequately clothed in appropriate sun wear, e.g. short sleeved t-shirt and a sun hat. Pupils may bring in sunglasses to wear if they wish.
- Ensure that all children have had sunscreen applied before spending extended periods outside. In accordance with guidelines we recommend the use of only factor 15 and above sunscreen.
- We will keep a supply of factor 50 sunscreen on the premises, to be used in an emergency, for example, if parents have forgotten to apply it before school.
- Ensure that any outdoor activities are, where possible, outside the hottest time of the day.
- Ensure that, when possible, shaded areas are available to protect the children whilst outside. Children are encouraged to make use of available shaded areas when outside.
- Ensure that there is an adequate supply of fresh drinking water available and that the children know how to access it if they feel thirsty or hot.
- Include Care in the Sun educational activities in the curriculum.
- Inform parents about Care in the Sun through, for example, leaflets, Parents' Mornings, school website.
- Encourage school staff to act as role models by:
 - Wearing protective hats, clothing and sunglasses when outside.
 - Apply SPF 15+ sunscreen.
 - Seeking shade whenever possible.
- Monitoring, evaluation and review of this policy and its contents, and its workability will be the responsibility of the Principal and the Senior Leadership Team.

Principal:

Chair, Board of Governors:

Date:

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Sunscreen Consent Form

Whilst we recommend that sun protection cream is applied at home before coming to school, we recognise that it is beneficial to reapply sun cream through the day.

Please tick, sign and return to school:

- I have read the school's policy on sun protection.
- I have supplied the school with sun protection cream for my child.
- I consent to this sun protection cream being applied to my child's face, neck, arms and legs by a member of staff, as necessary.
- I give permission for the school to use their supply of factor 50 sunscreen on my child, if necessary.
- I will send a sun hat with my child each day in the summer months.

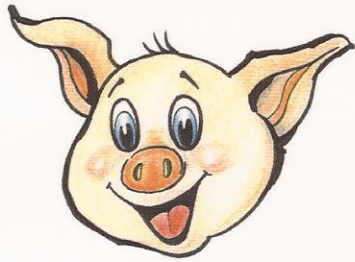
Name of Child: _____

Signature of Parent/Carer: _____

Date: _____

**Please return this form, along with your child's sunscreen,
by**

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Care in the Sun

Protect your Skin



Play in the shade between
11am and 3pm



Wear a hat, T-shirt
and sunglasses



Apply sunscreen



Drink plenty of water



Avoid sunburn

www.careinthesun.org