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Dear Parent or Guardian

Now the summer term has started I wanted to write and tell you about our Sun Protection Policy which has been developed 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. 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
- Allowing easy access to water during playtimes and lessons
- Encourage pupils to wear hats when outside
- Provide more shade in the playground
- Encourage children to use sunscreen every day.

More details about the above can be found in our Sun Protection Policy which is available in school should you wish to read it.

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

- Talking to your child about the importance of sun protection
- **Ensuring your child applies sun screen before he/she comes to school**
- **Ensuring your child brings extra sun screen to school and is able to apply it** (Please note that on advice from Devon County Council, staff are unable to apply sunscreen).
- Sending your child to school with a wide brimmed sun hat
- Sending your child to school with fresh water in their water bottles

Together I hope we can have a very happy and safe summer term.

Yours sincerely

Katie Gray
Headteacher

