

SUNSCREEN INFORMATION

At Hallfield School we are concerned about protecting pupils from sunburn and from skin damage that can be caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays in sunlight. Skin cancer is one of the most common forms of cancer in the country. As sunburn and almost all skin cancer is caused by the sun, it is possible to prevent this happening. The School believes that by encouraging sun safe behaviour at school and teaching pupils about the risk of sunlight, we can prevent them burning and contribute towards preventing skin cancer.

The School would welcome your support in this matter. We will be encouraging pupils to avoid sunburn and overexposure to the sun by:

- Seeking the shade, particularly during the middle of the day (11:00 – 15:00)
- Wearing suitable hats when spending time in the sun
- Using a high factor sunscreen at least SPF 30 with the UVA circle logo and/or 4 or 5 UVA stars
- Wearing clothing that protects the skin particularly for outdoor activities and school trips

Sunscreens provide added protection and may be useful when other measures are not available. Dermatologists recommend that a sunscreen with a high sun protection factor will provide children in this country with adequate protection. The School asks parents to provide sunscreen for this purpose.

Please provide a suitable sunscreen for your child which is in date, and clearly labelled with your child's name and form. The School Policy states that the sunscreen will be applied 15 – 30 minutes prior to going out and whenever possible teachers will supervise the application of sunscreens. For EYFS children it may be necessary for teachers or support staff to help them apply the sunscreen.

Please indicate, on the Statement of Health, whether you are happy for approved teaching and support staff to do this.

Medical Officer