



April 2009

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Now the summer term has started, and the sun is finally shining, I wanted to write and tell you about our sun protection policy. We have developed this 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, so we will be spending more time discussing sun protection at school and how best to make our garden a sun safe place to be!

We will be actively encouraging all children to wear a hat when they play outside. Please send your child to school wearing a comfortable wide brimmed hat or legionnaire style cap.

All children should have additional protection by using a high factor sunscreen.

We have purchased Nivea Suncream factor 40 for use at school. Your child is welcome to use this cream as per our SunSmart policy (see attached) for a cost of £3 for the summer term.

We have also attached our sunsmart policy for you to read and then return the attached form with the £3 if applicable, to us at the beginning of the new term.

How can you help?

By applying a good layer of suncream before your child comes to school each morning.

Talk to your child about being safe in the sun!

Remember to send you child to nursery with a wide brimmed named hat – if it can be left with us at school that would be ideal.

Let's have a happy and sun safe summer.

Sam



Name of Child:

Please tick appropriate option:

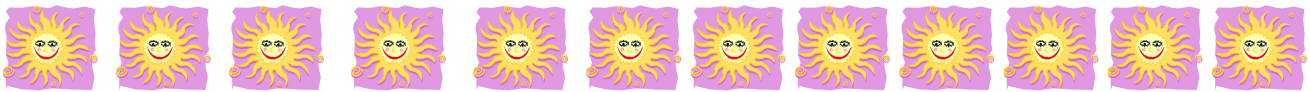
I understand that when appropriate my child will apply **school sun cream**, with help from a member of staff if necessary. I enclose £3 donation towards the cost of the sun cream.

Or

I understand that when appropriate my child will apply their **own sun cream**, with help from a member of staff if necessary. I have provided this cream in a bag clearly marked with my child name.

Signed:

Date:



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The Meadows Montessori School
SunSmart Sun Protection Policy

At our school we want staff and children to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff and parents to achieve this through the following:

EDUCATION

- Discussion with the older children about the sun and the need for protection.
- Letter to be sent to parents and guardians with regard to sun cream and protection.
- Time spent in discussion at staff meetings about sunsmart safety in the garden.

PROTECTION

Shade:

- Large sun canopies to be put up each morning to cover central part of the garden.
- Other umbrellas to be placed around the garden – placed in heavy bases.
- Trees on road side of the playground / natural building shade.

Timetabling:

- Children will spend more time playing outside before 11am and after 3pm, and less time over lunchtime.

Clothing:

- We will actively encourage all children to wear a hat when playing outside – for any length of time.
- A small supply of hats will be available for those children who have forgotten their own.

Sunscreen:

- We will send letters home asking for parents to apply sun cream to their child before bringing them to school each morning.
- We will also ask permission for staff to help apply sun cream onto their child when appropriate, but most children other than reception children will be encouraged to apply their own cream.
- Parents can either bring in their own cream in a named bottle, or pay a small donation towards school cream.

Drinks:

- Water will be available at all times in every classroom.
- Water will also be available in the garden while children are playing.

Policy to be reviewed: April 2010