



Ravenbank Sun Cream Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that children are protected from harmful UV rays during periods of sunny weather, while also considering health and safety, allergies, and the practical management of sun cream use within the school environment.

1. General Principles

- The school recognises the importance of sun protection, especially during the summer months.
 - Sun cream is considered a key part of this protection and is encouraged for all children.
 - Children will be supported to learn sun safety habits, including wearing hats, staying in shaded areas, and applying sun cream.
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2. Parental Responsibilities

- Parents/carers are expected to apply **long-lasting, all-day sun cream** to their child **before arriving at school**, especially on days when UV levels are forecast to be high.
 - Parents should teach their children how to apply sun cream independently, particularly those in Key Stage 2.
 - Parents are encouraged to provide a **named bottle of sun cream**, suitable for school use, if top-ups may be required.
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3. School Responsibilities

- The school will educate pupils about sun safety habits and provide reminders about sun cream, wearing hats, encourage shade-seeking and drinking water.
 - Staff may supervise and support younger children in applying sun cream but will not physically apply it unless a care plan is in place or parental consent is provided.
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4. Allergies and Medical Considerations

- Parents must inform the school of **any allergies or sensitivities to sun cream products**.
 - All sun cream bottles must be clearly labelled with the child's name and must **not be shared** between pupils.
 - Where necessary, parents must provide sun cream that matches the child's specific medical or dermatological needs.
 - Staff will ensure allergy information is respected and will check labels if applying or supervising application.
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5. Safe Use and Storage

- Sun cream provided by parents will be kept in the child's bag or a designated storage area in the classroom, out of direct sunlight and heat.
 - Sun cream will be used **only under adult supervision**, and only the child it is intended for may use it.
 - Any communal or school-provided sun cream will be hypoallergenic and used only with written parental consent.
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6. Monitoring and Review

- This policy will be reviewed annually as part of the school's health and safety and safeguarding procedures.
- Parents will be reminded of sun safety expectations each summer term via newsletters or communication apps.