

7th June 2023

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Sun Safety at Oasis Academy Oldham

Dear Parent/Carers,

As the weather is starting to heat up, we would like to share some safety advice.

Our school is concerned about protecting our students from sunburn and from skin damage that can be caused by the harmful ultra-violet rays in sunlight. Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the country. As sunburn and almost all skin cancers are caused by the sun, it is possible to prevent this happening. The school would like your help and support in this matter. We will be encouraging children to avoid sunburn and overexposure to the sun by:

- ☐ seeking the shade, particularly during the middle of the day
- ☐ wearing clothing that protects the skin, particularly for outdoor activities and school trips
- ☐ using a high factor sunscreen (SPF 30+)

You can help by encouraging your child to bring and wear a hat to and from school and particularly on sports days and school excursions. Sunscreens provide added protection and may be useful when other measures are not available.

Dermatologists recommend that a sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or above will provide children in this country with adequate protection. We would ask parents/carers to apply a long lasting sunscreen to your child at home before coming to school. Please also ensure that your child is kept hydrated. Water is available to our students at breaktimes and lunchtimes.

Your sincerely

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