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Dear Parents,

As most of our parents will be aware, at John's each summer, we work with Sunsafe Schools and Skcin to ensure that our children are educated about the importance of sun safety and some of the dangers it can cause. This summer, we are delighted to, once again, offer children the use of our sun cream in school.

We will be providing children with access to our wall-mounted sun stations with dispensers containing SPF 30, 5 star UVA, broad spectrum sunscreen. This is the same product that we used during the previous summers. All children from Nursery to year 6 will have opportunities to apply the sunscreen themselves before extended periods of time outdoors. Please note that teachers will encourage children that we know have permission to use the cream dispensers to do so at appropriate times but unfortunately, we do not have the staff or capacity to ensure that all children that have permission have applied cream effectively. Our school sun cream is designed as a measure to help children top up cream applied at home and begin to look after themselves. We still need to rely on yourselves to apply cream before children come to school to ensure total protection.

Please indicate if you want your child to have access to this cream by completing and returning the slip on this letter. Should you wish to patch test a sample of the sunscreen on your child, to ensure there are no reactions, please feel free to do so. A sample can be found in the front office for you to use at the end of the school day. If you do not want your child to apply school sun cream this summer, you need to ensure that they are aware not to use the school dispensers.

We also ask that parents ensure their child has a suitable sun hat that is clearly labelled and kept at school through to the end of September. Sun hats ideally need to be either broad-brimmed (bucket style) or legionnaire. **Baseball caps are not recommended as they do not shade the neck and ears.**

Skin cancer is now the most common and fastest rising cancer in the UK. Malignant melanoma, the deadliest form of the disease is one of the most common cancers in young adults aged 15-34. Burning as a young child can cause irreparable damage to a child's delicate skin that, over time, can develop with serious consequences. Therefore, whilst we recognise that some sun is good for us, we are mindful of the importance of protecting the children in our care from over exposure to UV during outdoor play and activities.

However, the good news is that skin cancer is almost entirely preventable and these simple steps can be taken to ensure that your child's skin is protected from the sun's harmful rays.

For further information about sun safety and skin cancer please visit www.skcin.org This site contains an excellent UV forecast for the day and week ahead to help you plan sun care measures.

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Girling

Sun Safe Schools co-ordinator



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SUN SAFE SCHOOLS PARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONSE FORM

Please return to class teacher so that they can be made aware of which children are to be encouraged to use the school sun cream.

I agree / do not agree (delete as appropriate) for my child to use the sunscreen provided by the school*

* Please note, the sunscreen provided by the school is of a high quality and any reactions are unlikely. However, if you are concerned about sensitive skin or your child has had adverse reactions to sunscreen in the past, it is your responsibility to test the product on your child's skin before signing. If you would like to test the product before signing please feel free to come into school to do so.

Name of
child.....Class.....

Signed.....

Date:.....