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Use sunscreen—the NHS recommends SPF30 with UVA/UVB protection— use it every time you go outside and re-apply every two hours when playing/working outdoors. If you plan to spend lots of time in the sun, apply 30mins before going out and then again just before going out. Re-apply more often when swimming, even if you have water resistant SPF, water washes

sunscreen off and reflects UV rays. For more information on this, take a look at the links on page 5 under useful resources— sun safety.

Choose clothing and accessories that will protect you in the sun! Wear loose clothing with a close weave (like cotton) that covers your skin. Sunscreen should be applied to skin that is exposed to the sun. Wearing a wide brimmed hat will cover your neck, face and ears as well as your head but if you only have a cap make sure that you use sunscreen on your neck, face and ears too. Wear sunglasses to protect eyes from UV rays, look for sunglasses that wrap around or have wide arms and block as close to 100% of both UVA and UVB rays as possible. Avoid looking directly at the sun, doing so can cause permanent eye damage!

Safety from poisoning!

On the subject of safety, we just wanted to remind you about how to use/store household products and medicines and to be cautious of plants etc. that can be harmful to children.

Cleaning products, DIY and gardening products should be kept in their original packaging, out of reach of children and locked away whether stored in the house, garage or shed.

> Medicines can easily be mistaken for sweets, so these should also be stored out of reach of children, locked away and kept in original packaging. Some people keep a lockable medicine cabinet or use a First Aid box kept away from the reach of children.

The garden, park and outdoor areas are great places for children to explore and play but not all plants are safe to touch or eat. Some berries or mushrooms can look like the ones we eat but these could be poisonous. Be sure to only touch and eat what you have confirmed is safe to.

Carbon Monoxide is a colourless, odourless, tasteless gas that is difficult to detect. It comes from fuel burning appliances like; cookers, heaters, radiators, boilers, chimney/vents and disposable or gas BBQs and can kill children in seconds! It is very important that your home and ideally all rooms you have with fuel burning appliances, is/are fitted with an audible carbon monoxide alarm.

For more information please see the links from page 5 under useful resources—poisoning.



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Resources Which may be of help to your School, families, primary and secondary school children:

Teeth care

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/taking-care-of-childrens-teeth/

https://www.dentalhealth.org/childrens-teeth

Some Dental Practices are taking new NHS patients to check which Dentist near you is, contact NHS 111 or visit:

https://www.nhs.uk/Service-Search/Dentists/LocationSearch/3

Sun safety

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/sunscreen-and-sun-safety/#:~:text=Children% 20and%20sun%20protection&text=Children%20aged%20under%206% 20months,particularly%20from%2011am%20to%203pm

https://www.britishskinfoundation.org.uk/sun-safety-advice-for-parents

https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/sun-safety-for-kids

https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/something-special-safe-in-she-sun-song

https://www.cancerresearchuk.org/about-cancer/skin-cancer

Poisoning

https://www.capt.org.uk/poisoning-prevention

Info sheet - https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/resources/info-sheet/a-checklist-of-potentially-harmful-plants

A guide to non toxic plants for babies, Pica and Autism - https://www.theallotmentgarden.co.uk/non-toxic-plants/

https://www.funkidslive.com/learn/safety-seymour/what-is-carbon-monoxide-find-out-with-safety-seymour/

Parents can apply for a sunshine lanyard for children with a hidden disability. This means they do not have to wait in queues and can go straight in. Click here/visit site to order one:

https://hiddendisabilitiesstore.com/?SID=5ebe5860eca442d46ed981c2a4d6e0d2

Returning to school after COVID-19 Lockdown

https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/coping-with-anxiety-about-going-back-to-school/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI3snO6oqP7wIVFuvtCh3iWAd0EAAYASAAEgJy3vD BwE

https://beaconschoolsupport.co.uk/newsletters/the-new-normal-returning-to-school-after-COVID-19

www.healthforkids.co.uk - local information for adults with lots of learning activities and games for children! www.healthforteens.co.uk - lots of information on health and wellbeing for teenagers and young people!



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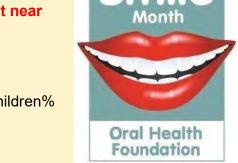
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Care for Kids

spreading the virus?

What should I do to prevent catching and

Resources Confin







Stop germs spreading. The power is in your hands.

you can visit some of the following websites for more information and support on your mental health and wellbeing.

https://cwrise.com/

Ben.org.uk

youngminds.org.uk/

www.rethink.org/

www.mind.org.uk/

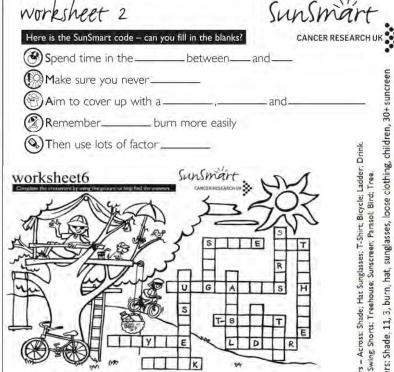
For advice and support during these uncertain times

https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters



The Mental Health Foundation has some helpful tips and ideas about coping with the COVID-19 outbreak and isolating: www.mentalhealth.org.uk/publications/looking-after-

Are you a SunSmart Sleuth? Can you find the 12 hidden words? N S S P D E R В E S G TE M S





Answers: sunglasses, sunscreen, t-shirt, sate, hat, picnic, trees, shade, park, cool, sun, Sun5mart

https://www.facebook.com/ ventryfamilyhealthandlifestyleservice/

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