

Cefn Glas Infants School

"Let's Learn Together"



Sun Safety

March 2023

UNCRC Article 20

'You have the right to be looked after properly and cared for.'



Date	Review Date	Reviewed by the Headteacher	Signed by Chair of Governors
March 2023	March 2025	Mrs. S. Johns	Mr. G. Clifford

SUN SAFETY POLICY

Cefn Glas Infants School

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RATIONALE

Whilst we recognise that some sun is good for us, Sun Safety is an important health and safety issue for schools. Children spend almost half their childhood at school, with approximately 8 hours per week spent outdoors. During the warmer months of the year children are exposed to UV radiation from the sun, the majority of which is when UV penetration is at its strongest (between 11am and 3pm). Without adequate protection, a child's delicate skin can easily burn, causing accumulative and irreparable damage. This can significantly increase their risk of developing skin cancer in later life.

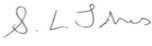
Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the UK with rates of the disease rising faster than any other cancer. Sun exposure in the first 15 years of life contributes significantly to a person's lifetime risk of skin cancer highlighting the importance of schools and parents working together, to increase knowledge, influence behaviour, ensure children are protected against UV and learn how to enjoy the sun safely.

1. SUNSCREEN	IMPLEMENTING	PLANNING/ INVESTIGATING
Parents are asked to make monetary donation towards the cost of sunscreen during the Summer Term. Sun cream is purchased by the school and distributed to each class.		
Sunscreen is applied by parents before the school day and 'topped up' before lunchtime using the school sun cream. It is the responsibility of parents to ensure children have sun cream before they arrive in school.		
Children with sensitive skin/allergies to the sun cream provided by school are permitted to bring in cream to be kept in school in a labelled bottle		
A practical approach toward the application of sunscreen will be necessary, with assistance provided only where necessary, unless instructed otherwise by the parent		
4. MONITORING UV	IMPLEMENTING	PLANNING/ INVESTIGATING
We are committed to monitoring UV levels daily during warmer months to ensure appropriate sun safety measures are implemented when necessary		
A child from each class is selected to be the UV monitor and we display the days UV level to engage the children and reinforce the importance of sun safety on a daily basis		
5. STAFF AND ROLE MODELLING	IMPLEMENTING	PLANNING/ INVESTIGATING
We ask staff to role model good sun safety behaviours such as applying sunscreen and wearing a sun hat when UV levels reach 3 or above		

3. SHADE	IMPLEMENTING	PLANNING/ INVESTIGATING
We currently provide shaded areas outdoors where pupils congregate for outdoor play, lessons and activities. This can include trees and/or purpose built or portable shade structures.		
We conduct shade assessments to consider future needs and are committed to investigating fundraising opportunities and improving shade solutions		
We are committed to ensuring all staff are actively involved in the implementation of this policy and that they consider the UV forecast and sun protection/ control measures when planning outdoor activities or school trips		
6. SUN SAFETY EDUCATION	IMPLEMENTING	PLANNING/ INVESTIGATING
We are committed to educating all pupils annually on sun safety using comprehensive, curriculum linked lesson plans, activities and resources provided by the Sun Safe Schools national accreditation scheme		
7. INFORMING THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY	IMPLEMENTING	PLANNING/ INVESTIGATING
We communicate sun safety information through a range of channels e.g. 'Schoop' for parents, Twitter, Seesaw, Policy available on the school Website		
8. REVIEW	IMPLEMENTING	PLANNING/ INVESTIGATING
The school will regularly monitor and review the effectiveness of this policy and will update the policy on an annual basis in-line with renewing our Sun Safe Schools accreditation		

*This policy has been agreed by the Governing Body and developed with guidance from the Sun Safe Schools national accreditation scheme
Further information about the Sun Safe Schools scheme can be found at: sunsafeschools.co.uk Further
information about skin cancer prevention and early detection can be found at: skin.org*

Approved by Head teacher:

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