



Ysgol Acrefair **Sun Protection Policy**

Rationale

This policy represents the agreed principles for sun protection throughout Ysgol Acrefair and continues to reflect our status as a Healthy School. It has been agreed by the governors and the school staff.

We want our staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely. We believe that sun safety is important to ensure that pupils and staff are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet rays in sunlight. We will work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this.

Education

- All pupils will learn about sun safety and protecting their skin through curriculum opportunities at least once a year (use of 'SunSmart' website resources).
- We will talk about how to be 'SunSmart' in assemblies at the start of the summer term every year.
- At the beginning of the summer term every year, parents and guardians will be sent a letter reminding them of the dangers of sun exposure and preventative measures, and informing them of our sun safety policy. It will explain what the school is doing about sun protection and how parents are asked to help.
- Staff will be reminded in April every year about the schools sun safety policy and the 'SunSmart' lessons that can be delivered. Information will be made available in the staff room.
- Pupils will be told about the importance of drinking more water when it is hot and will be encouraged to bring water to school and to make use of water coolers / drinks stations.
- We will regularly remind Pupils, staff and parents about sun safety through newsletters and letters regarding educational visits and activities for pupils.
- Staff will be encouraged to praise pupils that adhere to sun protection guidelines.
- Staff will be encouraged to remind pupils of the need for sun protection during social times if they are ignoring guidelines.

Protection

Shading

- Staff will encourage pupils to use shady areas of the school and its grounds during breaks, lunch hours, sports days and trips out.
- We will hold outdoor activities in areas of shade whenever possible.
- We have a shade sail at the school and will encourage pupils to use it.
- We will provide additional shade by providing parasols on picnic tables and gazebos on the field / yard.
- We will work towards increasing the provision of adequate shade for all pupils and staff.

Timetabling

- The Sports Day event has been moved to a 9.30 am start to avoid the midday sun.



- If the sun is too hot PE lessons or any outdoor lessons will be held indoors, will be held under shade or will have their time slot changed.

Clothing

- We will actively encourage all pupils to wear a sunhat (ideally with a protective back flap) when playing outside.
- Staff can wear hats when on playground duty and during outdoor lessons.
- We will encourage staff and parents to act as good role models by practising sun safety
- Pupils will wear t-shirts during PE or outdoor lessons to cover up their shoulders.
- Parents will be asked to ensure their children wear appropriate cover clothing during sunny periods

Sunscreen

- The use of factor 15+ all day sunscreen will be encouraged across the whole school day and during outdoor school trips or visits.
- We will remind parents to provide their child(ren) with sunscreen for school trips and events.
- We WILL NOT hold a stock of sunscreen in the school.

Foundation Phase

- Parents will be asked to apply sunscreen to their children before they come to school.
- Parents will be asked to sign a form giving permission for their children to bring to school their own sunscreen to school and apply it themselves.
- The sun cream must be labelled with the pupil's name and will be stored in crates and kept by the class teacher.
- The crates of sunscreen will be made available to the pupils during break times and lunch times.
- Pupils will be supervised with the application of their sunscreen.

Key Stage 2

- Parents will be asked to apply sunscreen to their children before they come to school.
- Parents will be asked to provide their child(ren) with their own sunscreen to bring to school so that they can apply it themselves.
- The pupils will be encouraged to apply sunscreen themselves before playtimes and lunchtimes.
- Pupils will be supervised with the application of their sunscreen.

Staff

- Staff will be encouraged to wear sunscreen during PE or outdoor lessons and when on playground duty.

Review

This policy will be reviewed every 2 years.

Head Teacher _____ Signed _____ Date _____

Chair of Governors _____ Signed _____ Date _____

Chair of School Council _____ Signed _____ Date _____