

Gwenfro Community Primary School



EIA Assessed

Sun Care Policy 2023

Agreed by the Governing Body:

Review date:

Signed:

Chair of Governors:

Introduction

At Gwenfro Community Primary School we want the children to enjoy the sun safely outdoors. Our aim is for the children to adopt healthy sun behaviours that will continue throughout their childhood and keep them protected from the risks of sun exposure.

Sun Care Awareness

- Parents/carers will be alerted to this policy.
- Staff discuss the importance of being protected from the sun with the children and activities designed to promote sun protection will be introduced.
- Children are encouraged to wear protective clothing and sunscreen when exposed to the sun (e.g. hats that cover the ears, face and neck, appropriate UV sunglasses, long sleeved clothing).
- The staff act as role models and reinforce the sun safety message.

Shade and Environment

- Wherever possible seats and equipment will be moved to shady areas.
- Outdoor activities will take place in shaded areas where possible.
- The staff will try and avoid taking the children outside in direct sunlight during the hottest part of the day.
- Canopies have been erected on the school yard to provide shaded areas where children can sit.

Sunscreen

- Parents are asked to protect their children using all day protection cream which has been applied prior to entering the setting. Sun cream will not be routinely applied to pupils.
- In exceptional circumstances, if this is not possible, parents may provide the setting with high factor sun cream, within the expiry date and labelled with their child's name. Written parental consent will need to be provided if staff are asked to apply sun cream in special cases (e.g RP pupils).
- Staff will be able to supervise and encourage the child to re-apply sun cream on extremely hot days if children are exposed to sun for longer periods of time e.g. Sports/Olympics activity day.

Hydration

- Pupils are actively encouraged to bring a bottle of water to school. Parents are routinely reminded.
- Pupils have access to drinking water throughout the school day, including during outdoor activities.

Additional Information

The SunSmart* skin cancer prevention messages can be promoted by using the SMART

code:

Stay in the shade 11-3

Make sure you never burn

Always cover up with a t-shirt, hat and sunglasses

Remember to take extra care with children

Then use a high factor sunscreen.

All of the above, apply to staff also.