

Kinsale Infant School
Sun Safety Policy



1. Aim

The aim of this sun safety policy is to protect children and staff from skin damage by the effects of ultraviolet radiation from the sun.

2. Safety Education

- We regularly remind children, staff and parents about sun safety through our website, newsletters, and posters.
- We educate the children annually regarding sun safety during lessons, activities and assemblies.

3. Sunscreen

- At Kinsale Infant School we actively remind parents to ensure that they either provide; sunscreen of factor 30+ for their child to apply at school or apply sunscreen before school that states it lasts all day.
- On school trips staff carry spare sunscreen for children who may have forgotten, lost or run out of theirs to apply, as long as there has been parent permission.
- We encourage children to apply sunscreen when UV levels reach 3 or above before long periods of outdoor activities, for example lunch time and PE lesson.

4. Sun hats and clothing

- We regularly remind parents/carers to ensure that their child brings an appropriate sun hat to school to use as required.
- We ensure that children who may have lost or forgotten their sun hat have access to a school sun hat for outdoor activities.
- When UV levels reach 3 or above we ensure children wear sun hats when outdoors.
- When outdoors during hot weather children wear school and PE uniform that covers shoulders. If it is non uniform children are encouraged to wear clothes that provide good sun protection. Sunglasses are optional.

5. Shade

- We ensure where possible outdoor activities are held in shaded areas and encourage children to use shady areas during breaks and lunch time.
- During breaks and lunch time children have access to shade under parasols in the quiet area.
- We monitor our amount of shaded areas and are working towards increasing the provision of adequate shade for everybody.

6. Monitoring UV

- Each class have their own class monitors for each day/ week. These children are our UV level monitors. They display the UV level for that day in the classroom.

7. Staff and role modelling

- We expect staff to be role models of sun safety and apply sunscreen and wear a hat when UV levels reach 3 or above.
- All staff are involved in implementing this policy.
- Staff are expected to consider the UV forecast and sun protection/ control measures when planning outdoor activities and schools trips.

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