Together we care, Together we learn, Together we achieve.
Gyda'n gilydd rydym yn gofalu, dysgu a chyflawni.



Ysgol Gynradd
COEDPENMAEN
Primary School

Sun Safety Policy

Objectives of this policy

Policy Details

Policy written:	**Summer 2026**
Headteacher signature:	
Chair of Governor's signature:	
Policy review date:	**Summer 2028**

Policy Aim

The aim of this policy is to protect pupils and staff from the harmful effects of ultraviolet radiation while ensuring that sun safety practices are **inclusive, equitable, and accessible to all members of the school community**.

Whole School Approach

At Coedpenmaen Primary School we will:

- Educate pupils about sun safety through the curriculum
- Encourage appropriate sun protection behaviours
- Promote the use of shaded areas during outdoor activities
- Ensure access to drinking water throughout the day
- Adapt activities during periods of high temperatures
- Work with parents, carers and health professionals
- Communicate expectations clearly and in **accessible formats where needed**

Sun Protection

Clothing and Headwear

- Pupils are encouraged to wear hats or suitable head coverings when outdoors
- Clothing should provide appropriate protection from sun exposure
- Cultural and religious dress is fully respected as part of sun protection
- The school will support access to sun-safe clothing through:
    - A **uniform swap shop**, including hats where available

    - **Discreet support for families** who request assistance, including provision of hats where needed

Sunscreen

- Parents/carers are expected to apply sunscreen before the school day
- Pupils should bring their own clearly labelled sunscreen where appropriate
- Pupils will be reminded to reapply sunscreen at appropriate times
- Due to potential allergies and sensitivities, the school does not provide or share sunscreen products
- Staff will provide **appropriate supervision** for younger pupils and those who require support
- Staff will not routinely apply sunscreen unless this forms part of an agreed individual care or medical plan or unless the pupils are of nursery age and need assistance.

Shade and Outdoor Provision

- Outdoor activities will take place in shaded areas wherever possible
- Pupils will be encouraged to use shaded areas during breaks and lunchtime
- The school will continue to develop shaded areas where feasible

Hydration

- Pupils will have regular opportunities to drink water throughout the day
- Staff will actively encourage hydration, particularly in warm weather

Curriculum and Awareness

- Pupils will be taught:
    - The risks of sun exposure
    - How to protect themselves effectively
- Sun safety messages will be reinforced through:
    - Assemblies
    - Classroom activities
    - Communication with families

Individual Needs and Inclusion

The school recognises that some pupils may require additional support:

- Younger pupils and those with additional learning needs (ALN) will receive appropriate supervision
- Pupils with medical conditions (e.g. asthma, skin conditions, heat sensitivity) will be supported through reasonable adjustments
- Individual risk assessments or care plans will be followed where required
- The school will work with families to ensure that no pupil is disadvantaged in accessing sun safety measures

Physical Activity and Heat

- Outdoor physical activity will be adapted during warm weather
- In periods of extreme heat:
    - Activities will be reduced, modified or moved indoors
    - Pupils will be provided with rest breaks and hydration opportunities

Heat-Related Illness

Staff will be vigilant for signs of heat-related illness, including:

- Cramp in arms, legs or stomach
- Weakness or confusion

If concerns arise:

- Parents/carers will be informed
- Medical advice will be sought where necessary
- Emergency procedures will be followed if required

Staff Responsibilities

Staff will:

- Model good sun safety practices
- Remind and encourage pupils to protect themselves
- Provide appropriate supervision and support
- Ensure the policy is implemented in an inclusive and equitable way

Parental Responsibilities

Parents/carers are expected to:

- Provide appropriate sun protection (e.g. sunscreen, hats if desired)
- Ensure items are clearly labelled
- Inform the school of any medical conditions or allergies

Equality Commitment

In line with the Equality Act 2010, this policy aims to:

- Eliminate discrimination
- Advance equality of opportunity
- Foster positive relationships within the school community

The school is committed to ensuring that all pupils can access sun safety measures in a way that respects their individual needs and circumstances

Equality Impact Assessment Summary

This policy has been reviewed through an Equality Impact Assessment to ensure that it promotes fairness, inclusion and equal access for all pupils, staff and families. As a result, adaptations have been made so that expectations around sun protection do not disadvantage pupils due to financial circumstances, age, additional learning needs, or medical conditions. The school recognises the potential risk of allergies and therefore does not supply shared sun protection products such as sunscreen. To reduce potential barriers, the school supports access to appropriate sun protection through a uniform swap shop and by providing hats where families indicate a need. Staff provide appropriate supervision and support for younger pupils and those with additional needs. Cultural and religious variations in appropriate clothing are recognised and respected. These actions ensure the policy actively removes barriers and promotes equality of opportunity.

Rights Respecting School Statement

This policy supports the principles of a Rights Respecting School and is underpinned by the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). By promoting fair, equitable and inclusive practices, the school ensures that all pupils can benefit from a safe, healthy and high-quality learning environment where their rights are respected, protected and fulfilled.

Relevant UNCRC Articles

- **Article 24 – Health and health services**
  Children have the right to the best possible health. This policy promotes safe practices to protect pupils from the harmful effects of sun exposure and extreme heat.

- **Article 28 – Right to education**
  Children have the right to access education. By managing heat and sun exposure effectively, the school ensures pupils are well enough to attend and engage in learning.

- **Article 29 – Goals of education**
  Education should support the development of the whole child. Through this policy, pupils are taught how to take responsibility for their own health and wellbeing, including sun safety.

- **Article 3 – Best interests of the child**
  The best interests of the child must be a primary consideration. Decisions within this policy prioritise pupils' safety, wellbeing and individual needs.

- **Article 2 – Non-discrimination**
  All children have the right to be treated fairly. This policy ensures that sun safety measures are inclusive and do not disadvantage any pupil due to their background, needs or circumstances.