

# Ysgol Gynradd Hywel Dda



## Sun Safety Policy

**As a Rights Respecting School, we promote the values and principles of the UNCRC. This policy promotes and enables children to access:**

**Article 19: The right to be safe**

### **Equal Opportunities and Race Equality**

The school is committed to working towards equality, promoting positive approaches to difference, and fostering respect for people of all cultural and social backgrounds whatever their age, sexuality, faith, ethnicity, gender, disability or additional educational need. Developing positive relationships between pupils of all backgrounds is an essential aspect of the work of the school. Staff are committed to ensuring that all pupils achieve the highest possible standards in an inclusive environment. We are pro-active in tackling and eliminating discrimination and providing positive, non-stereotyped role models for all pupils. Through monitoring and evaluating our provision within the school improvement planning cycle, we aim to minimise the potential for discrimination and ensure that equality is at the centre of our policy and practice.

### **Sun Safety at Hywel Dda Primary**

The sun safety policy has been written after discussions with the whole teaching staff and has the full agreement of the governing body. The implementation of this policy is the responsibility of the Head Teacher and all the teaching staff.

Children have delicate skin that is more prone to damage by UV rays from direct sunlight. As they are often outdoors during the day, particularly between 11am and 3pm in the UK summer, children are exposed to the sun's strongest rays. This is why schools play an important role in helping to protect children's skin whilst still encouraging them to enjoy being outdoors. Our policy will focus on increasing protection for children through a collaborative effort within the school community and by raising awareness through education about sun safety.

At Hywel Dda Primary we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and actively work to provide an environment that enables pupils and staff to stay safer in the sun.

We are achieving this in the following ways:

### **Education**

- All pupils will have at least one sun safety lesson per year
- We will talk about sun safety in assemblies at the start of the new school year and repeat it during the summer term.
- We will teach pupils how to apply sunscreen themselves.
- When outdoors children will be aware of the kind of suitable clothing to wear – a wide-brimmed hat/cap, sunglasses and suitable clothing – to cover their head, ears, face, neck and shoulders.
- We will ensure that children are aware of shaded areas in the playground so they that know where to play when the sun is strong.
- Make sure that children are aware of the Shadow Rule - when their shadow is shorter than themselves they need to think about sun protection.
- Make sure all pupils have easy access to drinking water and stay hydrated.

### **Collaboration**

- We will Dojo to parents explaining the messages we will be giving to children with regard to sun safety.
- We will request that parents provide children with suitable clothing and/or sunscreen during the summer months through school newsletters.
- We will remind parents about the use of sunscreen, suitable clothing and hydration in school trip letters when appropriate. (outdoor trips in the summer term)

### **Review**

The Headteacher and staff will review this policy on a bi-annual basis.