



Sun Safety Policy.



Ratified by the Board of Governors- March 2025

Update due- March 2029



Sun Safety Policy

Aims:

The aim of this Sun Safety Policy is to protect staff and children from skin damage caused by the effects of ultra-violet radiation from the sun. A whole school approach will be introduced in Greenisland Primary School.

The main elements of this policy are:

- ❖ Protection: providing an environment that enables pupils and staff to stay safe in the sun.
- ❖ Education: learning about sun safety to increase knowledge and influence behaviour.
- ❖ Partnership: working with parents/carers, Governors, school nurse and the wider community to reinforce awareness about sun safety and promote a healthy school.

What we do:

To ensure that pupils and staff are protected from the sun Greenisland Primary School will:

- ❖ Educate children throughout the curriculum about the causes of skin damage and how to protect their skin.
- ❖ The curriculum for all year groups will include aspects of "Sun Safety" annually.

- ❖ Children will be encouraged to wear clothes that provide good sun protection. For example sun hats and long sleeve clothing.
- ❖ Outdoor activities will be held in areas of shade whenever possible.
- ❖ Children will be encouraged to use shady areas during break and lunch times, sports and trips.
- ❖ Sunbathing will be discouraged.
- ❖ Staff and parents will be encouraged to act as good role models by practising sun safety.
- ❖ Children, staff and parents will be regularly reminded about sun safety through newsletters, posters and the web site.
- ❖ Annually, a special assembly will be dedicated to sun safety.
- ❖ At appropriate times throughout the year, children will be reminded about sun safety during assemblies.

Sun Creams:

- ❖ Each child can bring a suitable sun lotion from home. The children should apply the lotion themselves when appropriate. This can be used on or off site for any prolonged school related activities.
- ❖ Children and parents will be encouraged to apply a longer lasting sun lotion at home when needed, giving protection for the whole school day.

Drinking Water:

- ❖ Children will be encouraged to increase their water intake in hot weather. They will be encouraged to drink water throughout the school day to avoid dehydration.

❖ Every child should bring a water bottle to school every day.