

Seaholme Primary School

Sunsmart Policy

Rationale:

Over exposure to the sun presents a serious health risk. Students must therefore be educated as to the need for suitable sun protection, and be protected from over exposure to the sun whilst at school.

Aims:

- To educate students as to suitable sunsmart protection strategies.
- To encourage children and teachers to protect themselves from the harmful effects of the sun.

Implementation:

- This policy is to be read as part of our Student Dress Code.
- Children will be required to wear Seaholme Primary School bucket or legionnaire hats whenever they are outside during terms 1 and 4. The principal may extend the time of hat wearing into term 2 or to begin in term 3 if it is judged the conditions warrant this extension.
- Staff will act as role models by also wearing hats when outside.
- As part of the usual yard duty timetable process, an inclement weather timetable will be activated by the Principal or the Yard Duty Teacher when conditions outside are considered to be unsuitable for students and staff.
- Children without Seaholme Sun Hats will be restricted to sitting in the specified shady area.
- Children will be actively encouraged to, bring from home, and wear sunscreen.
- Parents may choose to provide their child/ren with sunglasses.
- Whenever possible, outside activities on hot days should be scheduled before 11:00 am.
- The school council will provide adequate shade structures for students as practicable; particularly over high density play areas such as sand pits and play equipment.
- Seaholme Sun Hats will be available for purchase through the office.
- The school newsletter and school assemblies will be used to highlight and reinforce the sunsmart policy.
- Sunsmart activities and sun protection will form part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum at all year levels.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in.... June 2009