



SUN SAFE SCHOOLS

FREE NATIONAL ACCREDITATION PROGRAMME

Assisting primary schools in their duty of care to safeguard children against over-exposure to UV radiation and prevent skin cancer through education.



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Whilst some sun is good for us, over-exposure to UV is a serious health risk and the primary cause of the UK's most common and fastest rising cancer. UV is a known carcinogen, damage is cumulative and irreparable and burning as a child can dramatically increase a persons risk of developing the disease in later life. With children spending almost half their childhood at school, where they are regularly outdoors during peak UV hours (11am - 3pm), it's imperative that school's ensure children are protected from UV damage and are educated on the importance of sun safety and skin cancer prevention - which now forms part of the PHSE curriculum.

Developed by national skin cancer charity Skcin, the Sun Safe Schools programme is the UK's most comprehensive FREE resource to assist primary schools in; creating a suitable sun protection policy; communicating with parents to gain support and raise awareness across the wider school community; and educating pupils on the importance of Sun Safety - to influence behaviour and prevent skin cancer.

Sun safety education is now statutory in primary schools and with thousands of schools registered with the programme, providing five star testimonials - now is the time to get on board and get your school 'Sun Safe' Accredited.

To gain their Sun Safe Accreditation, schools must complete a 4-step process, providing feedback on-line following the completion of each step. Extensive resources have been provided to help schools achieve each step effectively and efficiently, with maximum impact and confidence and with minimum strain on valuable time and resources.



4 STEPS TO GAINING YOUR SUN SAFE SCHOOLS ACCREDITATION

"Our experience with the scheme has been overwhelmingly positive. The children have learnt so much and can talk with confidence about keeping safe in the sun. The scheme has had a significant impact on our school. We are better for it. Thank you for the opportunity and the fabulous resources".



"Fantastic scheme, excellent resources and we have loved using it! The resources and information have been great for us. I love the idea of the UV Monitor in each class, the assembly plan, presentation and song was great! The resources are high quality, fun and engaging - reinforcing all the key messages. We have loved them. Thank you for creating such a wonderful accreditation scheme for schools".



View hundreds more testimonials like these at: sunsafeschools.co.uk



STEP ONE: CREATE YOUR SUN PROTECTION POLICY

Our on-line policy maker makes it easy for schools to tailor and download their own Sun Protection policy. This process ensures schools have considered and covered all essential guidelines and recommendations and can be confident that they are implementing a suitable policy to protect their staff, pupils and present to parents.

STEP TWO: COLLABORATE WITH PARENTS

In accordance with a school's tailored policy, a personalised letter is automatically generated to download and present to parents along with their policy and sun safety information to reinforce key messaging at home. This ensures schools are requesting the required level of support from parents, advising them correctly about sun safety and doing great work to increase vital knowledge about skin cancer prevention and early detection across the wider school community.

STEP THREE: CONDUCT A WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

A range of bespoke resources including assembly plan, presentation slides, script, music and song are available to help schools conduct their assembly, engage children of all ages and reinforce the importance of a whole school approach to sun safety.

STEP FOUR: CONDUCT INDIVIDUAL CLASS LESSONS

A comprehensive range of fun and engaging, curriculum linked, educational resources and activities for key stage one and two pupils are provided to introduce, reinforce and increase knowledge regarding 'safe and unsafe exposure to the sun and how to prevent skin cancer' - which forms part of the new PHSE Curriculum. Year 6 pupils are also provided with a bespoke leavers presentation, workbook and graduation certificate to extend their level of understanding and ensure they take vital knowledge with them into secondary education and beyond.

Upon completion, schools are awarded their Sun Safe Accreditation Certificate

The accreditation is valid for one year, with a renewal process in place to review their policy, reinforce support with the existing school community, advise newcomers and increase knowledge of sun safety through education.

By gaining their accreditation schools can provide evidence of their commitment to: **PROTECTION** - providing an environment that enables children and staff to stay safe in the sun. **EDUCATION** - learning about sun safety to increase knowledge and influence behaviour. **COLLABORATION** - working with parents, the management structure and the wider community to reinforce awareness about sun safety and skin cancer prevention.

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