



SUN SAFE SCHOOLS

NATIONAL ACCREDITATION PROGRAMME

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Assisting schools in their duty of care to safeguard children against sun damage and prevent skin cancer through education.

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, which now forms part of the new PHSE curriculum.

Developed by national skin cancer charity Skcin, the Sun Safe Schools national accreditation programme is the UK's most comprehensive FREE resource to assist primary schools in; creating a suitable sun safety 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.





To gain their Sun Safe Accreditation, schools must complete a 4 step process, providing feedback on-line following 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."

"We are very proud to have achieved the Sun Safe School award. A huge thanks to the team behind the project. The website was wonderful - full of useful activities and resources to support teachers. Thanks to all involved!"

"This has been an easy to use and follow guide to helping everyone be more aware of sun safety. The children have really engaged but more importantly so have the parents and carers. Thank you!"

STEP ONE: CREATE YOUR SUN PROTECTION POLICY

Our on-line policy maker makes it easy for schools to tailor and download their own Sun Safety 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 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 send home to parents along with their policy and Sun Safety information provided 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 prevention and early detection within the wider school community.

STEP THREE: CONDUCT A WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

A range of resources including assembly plan, presentation slides, music and song are all available to download, helping schools to plan their assembly, engage children and reinforce the importance of Sun Safety.

STEP FOUR: CONDUCT INDIVIDUAL CLASS LESSONS

Extensive curriculum linked educational resources for key stage one and two pupils can be downloaded including; 'George the Sun Safe Superstar' book, worksheets, fun activities, games and lesson plans - all developed to help schools engage children, increase knowledge and influence behaviour for a positive sun safe future.

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 highlight and prove 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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