

Aberdare Community School Ysgol Gymunedol Aberdâr



Sun Protection Procedures

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General Points

There will be occasions when extended periods of sunshine may be experienced as the UK climate changes, causing changes to the seasons.

Extreme exposure to sunlight can cause several issues for learners and staff alike -

- Sunburn
- Sunstroke
- Dehydration

The following risk assessment outlines procedures to be taken in the event of extreme and sustained sunlight to minimise the effects of over exposure to the harmful UV rays from the Sun.

Sun Protection Risk Assessment

HAZARD/ACTIVITY	PERSONS AT RISK	RISK	CONTROL MEASURES IN USE
No policy on sun protection	Learners / Staff	Making up own rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sun protection is incorporated into curriculum for all ages. • Teachers are informed as to the importance of sun protection. • Sun protection is actively promoted to learners in other ways (e.g. assemblies, workshops, talks). • Parents are informed of the importance of sun protection and the school's procedures (e.g. letter, website, newsletter). • Sun protection is considered in off-site visit risk assessments.
Midday sun	Learners / Staff	Sunburn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shade structures provide long/short-term shade. • Equipment is moved to shady areas where possible. • Organised activities make use of the shade available.
Timetabling	Learners / Staff	Sunburn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor activities and events are planned outside of 11am-3pm where possible. (excluding break times) • In the summer term learners asked to remain in shaded areas where possible
Clothing	Learners / Staff	Sunstroke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learners are allowed to wear UV protective sunglasses. • Teachers and assistants also wear suitable hats and clothing.



HAZARD/ACTIVITY	PERSONS AT RISK	RISK	CONTROL MEASURES IN USE
Sunscreen	Learners / Staff	Sunburn	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learners are allowed to bring in their own personal supply of sunscreen.• High protection factor sunscreen is advised.• Learners are supervised applying their own sunscreen. Most learners will be able to, with some direction, to apply sunscreens themselves. Self-application is recommended. Spray sunscreens may be easier to be applied by the pupil.• Teachers remind learners to reapply sunscreen regularly, particularly at midday.
Dehydration	Learners / Staff	Dehydration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A supply of drinking water is available at several drinking fountains in the school.