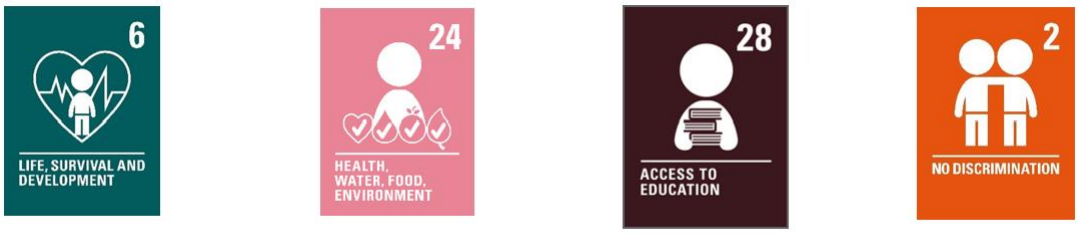
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Sun Safety Policy



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Policy Statement:

At Dene House Primary school, we are committed to promoting the health and well-being of our students and staff. As part of our duty of care, we recognise the importance of sun safety and the prevention of sun-related risks. This policy aims to ensure that all staff members are aware of and adhere to effective sun safety practices while at school or engaged in school-related activities.

Policy Guidelines

Sun Protection Measures:

Sun Cream

To protect against harmful UV rays, it is strongly recommended that all staff apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a minimum SPF 30 to exposed skin areas, including the face, neck, and arms, at least 30 minutes before going outside.

Teachers have a responsibility to ensure that students apply sunscreen before spending **extended periods (over 30 minutes) outdoors, specifically between the hours of 11 am and 3 pm, when UV levels are typically high (3 or above).** For children in Reception or those with additional needs, staff members may assist in applying sunscreen to the face, neck, lower arms, and lower legs. However, all other students should apply sunscreen themselves under the supervision of a staff member.

Parents are expected to provide sun cream with an SPF of 30 or above for their children. The sun creams must be properly labeled with the students' names. The act of bringing in the sun cream serves as confirmation that the child is not allergic to the product and is permitted to use it. In cases where parents have not provided sun cream, each class will have spare cream available. However, verbal permission must be obtained before applying it to a student.

It's important to note that all-day sun creams are not suitable for "apply once" type protection, as the SPF effectiveness can decrease rapidly over time.

Hats

Staff members are strongly encouraged to wear wide-brimmed or legionnaire-style hats that provide ample shade to the face, neck, and ears when spending extended periods of time outside in strong sunlight.

Students are required to wear wide-brimmed hats or caps during extended periods of time spent outdoors in the intense sun.

Water

Staff members should prioritise staying well-hydrated during periods of very warm weather. There is a water dispenser available in the staff room, and staff are permitted to have water bottles in the classroom.

Staff members are responsible for ensuring that their students have regular access to drinking water during hot weather