

Newton International
School D Ring



Procedures Sun Safety

An International Community of Learners Striving for Excellence and Celebrating Success

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Review Annually

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Our Vision

An international community of learners striving for excellence and celebrating success.

Our Mission

We aim to provide the highest quality of education possible for our students of all abilities. In doing so, we aim to positively encourage each student to achieve academic excellence, enjoy creative diversity, develop critical thinking skills and become lifelong learners and responsible citizens.

To achieve this, we will provide a diverse education in a safe, supportive environment that promotes self-discipline and motivation. We will provide and maintain a calm, trusting and caring atmosphere where teaching and learning are meaningful and developed. We will work in partnership with our staff, students, parents and wider community to achieve our vision.

Aim of Policy

At Newton International School D Ring, we are committed to ensuring the health and well-being of our students by promoting sun safety. Given Qatar’s hot climate, it is essential that both the school and parents take necessary precautions to protect children from harmful UV rays and heat-related risks. This policy outlines expectations for sun protection, the responsibilities of parents, and the procedures followed to safeguard students during hot weather.

Newton Group Values



Support



Honesty



Respect



Transparent Communication



Social Responsibility



Personal Accountability



Environmental Awareness



Empathy



Diversity

Newton International School D Ring Values



General Principles

1. Hats:

- All children are required to wear a named sunhat during outdoor play and activities.
- The sunhat must be either:
 - A school-branded hat available from the uniform shop, or
 - A plain hat (with no branding, symbols, or images) in neutral colors.
- While the school will ensure children follow routines for storing and looking after their hats, we cannot be responsible for any lost or missing items.
- Children who do not have a sunhat will be encouraged to stay in shaded areas of the playground during outdoor breaks.

2. Water Bottles:

- Each child must bring a named water bottle to school every day to stay hydrated.
- Water bottles should be clearly labeled with the child's name to avoid mix-ups and ensure personal use.

3. Sunscreen:

- Parents are responsible for applying sunscreen to their child before school each morning.
- Sunscreen should provide adequate protection (SPF 30 or higher) and be water-resistant to ensure long-lasting coverage during outdoor activities.

School Responsibilities

1. Shaded Areas:

- The school provides shaded areas in the playground for children without sunhats or those who need a break from the sun.
- These shaded areas are accessible to all students during outdoor playtimes.

2. Indoor Breaks in Extreme Heat:

- When temperatures reach 36 degrees Celsius or higher, children will remain indoors for break times and other activities to protect them from heat exhaustion or sunburn.
- Staff will monitor weather conditions regularly to make informed decisions about outdoor activities.

3. Access to Fresh Water:

- Fresh water supplies are available in every building, ensuring that children have easy access to hydration throughout the school day.
- Staff will encourage regular water breaks, especially during warmer months, to prevent dehydration.

4. Storage and Responsibility for Hats:

- The school will help children establish routines for storing and looking after their hats (e.g., designated hooks or baskets in classrooms).
- However, the school cannot be held responsible for hats that go missing.

Parental Responsibilities

- **Sun Protection at Home:**

- Parents are responsible for ensuring their child is adequately protected from the sun before arriving at school. This includes applying sunscreen and ensuring their child has a suitable named sunhat.
- Parents should provide their child with a named water bottle and ensure it is brought to school each day.

- **Communication with the School:**

- If a child has any specific medical conditions related to sun exposure or dehydration, parents should inform the school so that additional precautions can be taken.
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Monitoring and Enforcement

- **Staff Awareness:**

- School staff will actively remind children to wear their sunhats, drink water regularly, and use shaded areas as needed.
- Teachers will monitor students for signs of heat exhaustion or dehydration and will take appropriate action if a child shows symptoms.

- **Indoor Break Procedures:**

- On days where temperatures exceed 36 degrees, staff will implement indoor break procedures, ensuring that children are kept safe and cool during break times.
- The school will provide alternative indoor activities to keep children engaged during these times.

Conclusion

Newton International School D Ring is committed to maintaining the health and safety of its students by promoting effective sun protection practices. By working together with parents, we aim to create a safe and comfortable environment that minimizes the risk of sun-related health issues while encouraging outdoor play and activity.

Action Plan for Continued Concerns

- **Development of Individualized Action Plan:**
 - If toileting accidents persist after initial support and action plans, the school will review the situation in partnership with the parents and the DSL.
 - An individualized action plan will be created to address the child's specific needs, set clear goals for achieving independence, and outline the support required from both school and home.
- **Risk Assessment:**
 - A thorough risk assessment will be conducted to ensure the child's needs are met while safeguarding their welfare.
 - This assessment will consider the potential risks to the child and others, and determine the school's capacity to provide the necessary support.

Review of Child's Place in the School

- **Inability to Meet Intimate Care Needs:**
 - If, after the implementation of an action plan, risk assessment, and reasonable provisions, the child remains unable to manage their toileting needs independently, the school may not be able to continue providing the required care.
 - The situation will be reviewed by the school's leadership team in consultation with the DSL to consider the child's overall welfare and best interests.
 - In such cases, the school will discuss alternative educational arrangements with the parents to ensure the child's needs are fully met in an appropriate setting.

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Involvement

- The DSL will be involved in all cases where intimate care needs exceed the school's capacity.
- The DSL will ensure that all decisions are made with the child's welfare as the paramount concern, following safeguarding procedures.
- The DSL will also support staff and parents throughout the process, providing guidance and ensuring compliance with safeguarding standards.

Safeguarding and Dignity

- The school emphasizes the safeguarding of children and respects their dignity at all times.
- Assistance provided by staff will always prioritize the child's privacy and comfort.
- All actions taken will be in accordance with the school's safeguarding policies and the **Keeping Children Safe in Education** guidelines.

Conclusion

At Newton International School D Ring, we are dedicated to fostering independence in our students while supporting their overall well-being and safety. This policy ensures that children are encouraged to develop important life skills, and it outlines the school's commitment to clear expectations, collaboration with parents, and adherence to safeguarding standards. Where intimate care needs exceed the school's capacity.

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