



Sunsmart Policy

Rationale/Purpose

Our Sun smart policy endeavours to protect all children attending this centre from skin damage caused by UV rays of the sun. Staff will promote the sunsmart policy throughout the year but with particular emphasis in summer.

Statement/Objective

- That all children will wear sun hats and appropriate clothing. Sun block will be applied in the summer months. All day children will have more than one application.
- When enrolling their child parents will be:
 - informed of the Sun smart policy
 - asked to provide a suitable named hat for their child's use
 - required to give permission for staff to administer sunscreen

Broad Guidelines:

As part of the general sun smart strategies:

- The centre will require children to wear hats that protect the face, neck and ears whenever they are outside.
- The Management will ensure there is sufficient shaded areas.
- The availability of shade will be considered when planning excursions or outdoor activities.
- Staff will act as role models by:
 - wearing appropriate clothing and headgear when outside.
 - Seek shade wherever possible
- SPF 30+ Broad Spectrum water resistant sunblock will be provided for all staff and children's use as necessary.
- Opportune moments will be used to teach children why the skin needs protection from the sun and ways of doing it.
- The sun smart policy will be reinforced in a positive way through parent newsletters, noticeboards and meetings.
- Staff and parents will be provided with educational materials on sun protection

Lines of Responsibility:

Staff and Parents/Whanau

Links to Other Documentation:

Te Whaariki – Well-being S.1 -G.1, G.2 & G.3 Belonging S.2 -G.1.
DOP's 5A

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Signed:

Responsibility for Review: Principal Teacher