

Agapé Christian Preschool

Sunsmart Policy

Rationale/Purpose

Our Sun smart policy has been developed to ensure that all children attending this centre are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful UV rays of the sun. It is to be implemented throughout the year but particular emphasis in summer.

Statement/Objective

- That all children will wear sun hats and appropriate clothing. Sun block will be applied in summer months.
- When enrolling their child parents will be:
 - informed of the Sun smart policy
 - asked to provide a suitable 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 are a sufficient number of shaded areas where children congregate such as the sandpit, water trough etc.
- The availability of shade will be considered when planning excursions and outdoor activities.
- Staff will act as role models by:
 - wearing appropriate clothing outdoors.
 - Seek shade wherever possible
- SPF 15+ 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