

Sun Protection Policy

Designation: Health & Safety

Rationale:

Exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation in childhood is a major risk factor for developing skin cancer later in life. By implementing a best-practice Sun Protection Policy and associated practices, Te Rāwhiti can help protect staff and tamariki from UV radiation and instil in tamariki good sun protection care from an early age.

Te Whāriki:

Wellbeing/Mana Atua: Tamariki experiences an environment where their health is promoted.

Procedures:

1. Outdoor sun protection practices occur during terms 1 and 4. During these months, the below procedures will always be followed when outside:
 - a) At the beginning of term 1 and 4 sunscreen preferences will be reviewed with each whānau and noted. If caregivers do not want their tamaiti to wear sunscreen or have a specific brand, that they will supply from home, this must be recorded by staff on our sun protection preferences sheet and stored in our attendance folder.
 - b) The kindergarten's sunblock will be a brand that is approved and tested to NZ standards and above SPF30. We will inform whānau at the beginning of term 1 and 4, which brand we are using.
 - c) Individually supplied sunscreen must be named by whānau.
 - d) Parents/whānau are asked to apply sun block to their tamaiti before or upon arriving at kindergarten and record this in the attendance register.
 - e) Tamariki will be encouraged as much as possible to independently apply sunblock to exposed skin with supervision.
 - f) Staff will keep a daily record of tamariki who have had sunblock applied, and when it was applied. This will be in the morning and prior to outdoor play in the afternoon.
 - g) When outside, tamariki must wear sun hats which protect face, neck, and ears always. Caregivers are encouraged to bring named wide-brimmed sunhats for their tamariki. If they are unable to, we provide spare hats.
 - h) When outside, tamariki will wear appropriate clothing. For example, light, long-sleeved tops, and long trousers. No less than a t-shirt and shorts/skirt will be worn.
 - i) Adults at the kindergarten are encouraged to model sun safe behaviours by using sun block, hats, and appropriate clothing.

- j) The kindergarten has areas which are permanently shaded in the outdoor environment.
- k) Staff will ensure tamariki have plenty of water throughout the day to maintain good hydration.

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