

Early Childhood Learning Centre

Sun protection policy

Categories: Health & Safety

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Policy statement

Staff and children's health, safety and well-being are supported at the Centre.

Rationale

To protect children and adults at the Centre from the harmful effects of the sun, and to encourage and educate children to recognise the long-term effects of unprotected / prolonged exposure to the sun.

Guidelines

1. Teachers and children will wear hats when outside, when appropriate, particularly during daylight saving months.
2. Teachers and children are offered the choice to wear sunglasses when outside.
3. Parents are requested to supply their child(ren) with sun-safe sunhats. Teachers will ensure the hats are worn outdoors. (Sun-safe sunhats are those which protect the face, neck and ears.) The Centre will have spare hats available, if needed. Children must wear clothing which protects the shoulders whenever they are outdoors.
4. The Centre will provide a broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen of at least SPF 30, and apply it to children's exposed skin at regular intervals as required throughout the day.
5. Parents are responsible for informing staff of any skin allergies or preferred sunscreen, and providing an appropriate alternative sunscreen to be applied on their child.
6. Children under one year of age will be cared for in shaded areas where possible. We do not apply sunblock to these children unless parents request us to.
7. All children will receive ongoing teaching and reminders about the need to be sun safe.
8. Management will ensure there are shelters, UV sunshades and/or trees providing shade over areas where children congregate.
9. Excursions and outdoor activities will take into account the times of day and sun exposure risks. Teachers and children will be encouraged to wear clothing appropriate to the conditions.