

Sun Protection Policy & Procedure

Aim:

As part of the Centre's commitment to protect children from harm it is important for us to contribute to minimising the risk of exposing children to excessive ultraviolet radiation that (UVR) that causes sunburn, skin damage and increases the risk of skin cancer.

Method:

1. For hygiene purposes, we ask that parents / guardians provide sun hats for their children.
2. Wherever possible, sunshades have been erected, such as over sandpit, slide and some grassed areas. Sunshades will be erected each year at the beginning of October, then left in place until the end of March the following year when they will be removed for maintenance and winter storage.
3. Trees have been planted to provide added shade.
4. Parents are asked to apply sunscreen to children prior to their arrival at the Centre and are welcome to provide a named bottle of sunscreen to be applied to their child.
5. SPF30 Sunscreen will be provided for children and staff. Staff will apply sunscreen to children after morning tea, lunch time and afternoon tea or as required. Sunscreen will be reapplied after water play activities, swimming or activities that require washing down afterwards.
6. Exposure to the most harmful UV burn-time will be minimised. Children will be encouraged to play indoors or under cover during the hours of 11.30 am to 2.30 pm.
7. Teachers are expected to be role models for children by wearing their own sunhats.
8. The Centre will incorporate sun-skin protection awareness activities in teaching programmes

Reference:

Education (Early Childhood Services) Regulations 2008, 46 Health & Safety Practices standard general:

- 1(a) requires every licensed service provider to whom this regulation applies to take all reasonable steps to promote the good health and safety of children enrolled in the service.