

SUN PROTECTION

Rationale:

New Zealand has one of the highest incidences of skin cancer in the world. Children attending the service have many hours of outdoor play and need protection from the ultraviolet light.

Principle:

Staff will promote and arrange for children to be protected from prolonged and damaging exposure to the sun's radiation during outdoor activities by appropriate use of shade, clothing, hats, activity scheduling and sunblock screens. The centre will endeavour to shade sandpit areas and at least 20% of the remaining play space.

Procedures:

- Children will wear sunhats which protect the face, neck and ears when outside from late October to the end of April. We will adhere to the rule of 'NO hat No outside play' during this time.
- Sunscreen (at least SPF30 and waterproof) will be applied at least twice daily during the summer period.
- Shade will be used for activities where practical.
- Sun awareness will be part of the curriculum.
- Staff will be encouraged to wear hats and sunscreen to prevent exposure and as role models to the children.
- Children will be encouraged to keep t-shirts on at all times, shoe string straps and singlet tops are not acceptable clothing.
- Should parents want their child to wear sunglasses the centre will not cover loss or damage to them.

*Reviewed January 2016
Review Date: January 2019 or If incident occurs*