



SUNSMART POLICY

Policy Statement

The objective of this policy is to protect children from skin damage caused by the harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays of the sun. Damage done to the skin of young children can lead to serious skin cancer and melanoma in later life.

Staff will ensure that children in attendance at Pipitea Childcare Centre are protected from the harmful effects of the sun by providing a safe physical environment and ensuring appropriate clothing and sun protection are worn during appropriate times of the day/year.

Procedure

The Centre will ensure that during the daylight savings months:

- Appropriate shade is provided in the Centre grounds;
- Children will be required to wear hats which protect the face, neck, ears and clothing that maximises protection for the body when they are outside;
- Outdoor activities will be planned to minimise exposure to the sun during the high risk period between 11am – 4pm whenever possible;
- Broad spectrum SPF 15-30 (to NZ standards) water resistant sunscreen will be applied twice daily to the children at least half an hour before exposure to sun;
- Staff will be encouraged to act as sunsmart role models by wearing appropriate hats and clothing for all summer outdoor activities;
- The Sunsmart Policy will be regularly enforced in a positive way through newsletters to the parent/caregivers/whanau;
- The Sunsmart Policy will be incorporated into programmes on Sunsmart behaviour within the curriculum.

Related Policies

Nil

Ratification

Signed: _____

Centre Supervisor

4 April 2000

Convenor

Date: _____