

## **Sun Protection Policy**

**Goal:** To ensure that children and teachers are protected from the damaging levels of UVR from the sun.

## Procedure:

- 1. The Centre will provide all children with a sunhat during the summer months (September to April) that protects their ears, neck and face.
- **2.** Parents and whānau may choose to supply their child with a sunhat that protects their ears, neck and face.
- **3.** When outside, children are to wear clothing that covers as much skin as possible. This includes tops with elbow length sleeves and if possible collars and knee length shorts or skirts.
- **4.** Parents and whānau may choose to supply sunglasses specifically for their child to wear at childcare.
- **5.** The Centre will provide at least Sun Protection Factor 30 sun block that will be applied to children at regular intervals throughout the day, during the summer months
- **6.** Parents and whānau may choose to supply the centre with an SPF 30+ sun block specific for their child, which will be applied as above.
- **7.** Teachers will encourage play in shaded areas during the hottest time of the day.
- **8.** The outdoor environment will provide shaded areas for play e.g. under sun shades, sun umbrellas, tree shade and in the shade of the building.
- **9.** During terms one and four, children will be involved in education around sun protection.
- **10.** Teachers will role model being sun smart by using SPF 30 + sun block and wearing protective clothing, hats and sunglasses.

This policy will be reviewed as per the policy review schedule.

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