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Skin Protection Policy – Sun Smart Procedure

There is overwhelming medical evidence today which states that skin cancer is the direct result of over exposure to the sun's rays. It is the Kindergartens duty to ensure the children's heads and eyes are shielded from the sun.

From 1st September to end of April and at all times when the UV radiation levels are 3 and above, the staff and children are required to follow the following sun protection measures:

- Wear broadbrim/legionnaire or bucket hats with a brim of at least 6cm AND suitable clothing covering as much skin as possible including shoulders and preferably with a collar, when playing outside.
- Apply SPF30 and above broad-spectrum, water resistant sunscreen to all exposed areas at least 20 minutes before going outdoors.
- Gain parents' interest and support and promote the sun protection information and policy to make it available to all staff, families and visitors.
- Encourage parents to apply sunscreen before the child comes to kindergarten
- Playgroup and crèche families to provide a broadbrim hat or a legionnaires hat
- Take hats and sunscreen on excursions
- Staff to wear hats a positive role model
- Budget allocation for sunscreen, SPF 30+ through creche contribution.
- Children encouraged to use available areas of shade for outdoor play.
- Outdoor activities will be held in areas of shade wherever possible
- Staff will schedule outdoor activities at safe times whenever possible
- Staff will encourage the use of SPF 30+ for themselves and children by making provision for its purchase within the budget allocations
- Staff will reinforce regularly the SunSmart policy in a positive way through newsletters, parent meetings and dramatic play and include the sun protection message as part of the learning program.

From 1st May to end of August

- When the UV level below 3 in the winter months it is not necessary to wear
- a hat or sunscreen.
- It is important for some exposure to the sun to produce Vitamin D

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