

Sun Protection and Inclement Weather Policy



Our Aim

The aims of the Rose Park Preschool Skin Protection Policy are to promote among children, staff and parents:

- Positive attitudes towards skin protection
- Lifestyle practices that can help reduce the incidence of skin cancer and the number of related deaths
- Personal responsibility for and decision making about skin protection and health during hot weather.
- To ensure safety of children and staff during inclement weather.

Implementation

This policy is for implementation throughout the year. The purpose of the policy is to ensure that all members of our Preschool are protected from skin damage caused by the harmful rays of the sun when the UV level is 3 or more. It is also to ensure safety of children during days of inclement weather.

It is an expectation that all staff, students and parents of Rose Park Preschool will use the following skin protection:

- Take care to protect the skin when the ultraviolet radiation level is 3 (moderate) and above. Hats and clothing that protects the skin must be worn outdoors. Extra care should be taken between 10:00am and 3:00pm when UV radiation levels are highest.
- Use the shade of trees, and sunshades whenever outdoors.
- Wear appropriate clothing that protects the skin. Children and adults will wear shirts with sleeves to cover their shoulders when outside.
- Children who do not have a hat will be asked to play indoors on days where the UV is 3 or above, as we do not provide spare hats for hygiene purposes.
- Children, staff and parents will be expected to wear a broad brimmed hat or legionnaire style hat whenever they are involved in outside activities.
- Parents are encouraged to apply sunscreen to children before preschool.
- Children will be supported to apply 30+ sunscreen at lunchtime in preparation for playing outside.
- Staff will model appropriate SunSmart strategies at all times.
- Information about the Sun Protection Policy will be given to all new members of the preschool.
- Families, upon time of enrolment, are asked to confirm they have read and understood this policy by signing the information and consent form.
- During days of strong wind warnings or extreme heat children will be kept indoors away from the possibility of falling branches from trees.
- On days where the temperature is over 36°C and the air conditioner is not working, parents will be strongly encouraged to pick their children up at lunchtime.

Endorsed and ratified by staff and Governing Council September 2023, to be reviewed in 2026.